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| 11th " | CALEDONIA | 7553 | | |
| 18th " | ORIENTAL | 6234 | INDIA | 7911 |
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| 2nd July | OCEANA | 6610 | BRITANNIA | 6525 |
| 9th " | EGYPT | 7912 | | |
| 16th " | ARABIA | 7903 | MACEDONIA | 10500 |
| 23rd " | ORIENTAL | 6234 | | |
| 30th " | OCEANA | 6610 | AUSTRALIA | 6901 |
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MESSRS. TATA & SONS.

NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. J. N. TATA, the Senior Member of the Firm of Messrs. TATA and SONS having DIED, the said Firm will be continued by the surving Partners, namely Messrs. D. J. TATA, R. J. TATA and R. D. TATA, who have taken over the assets and will meet all the obligations of the firm. The Powers of Attorney dated 29th January and 16th December 1903, respectively granted by the said firm to Messrs. H. K. BAMJI and A. J. HILLA and to Mr. N. B. SAKLATWALLA respectively will remain in force.—Dated the 19th day of May 1904.

ARDESIR HORMUSJI DINSHAW & CO.,
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NOTICE.

TO THE TENANTS ON THE ESTATES OF THE LATE MR. J. N. TATA.

NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. J. N. TATA having DIED leaving as his SOLE HEIRS and EXECUTORS his two sons messrs. D. J. TATA and R. J. TATA, all tenants on the Estates of the said Mr. J. N. TATA, are requested to pay their rents to either of them the said Mr. D. J. TATA or Mr. R. J. TATA or to the consituted attorney of either of them.—Dated the 19th day of May 1904.

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SHERIFF'S PROCLAMATION.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

SUIT No. 450 of 1894.

BALKRISHNA SHIVSHANKAR GOPADHIA, Estate Broker and Teacher, Hindoo, residing at Bhuleshwar in Dhurandhur's cart, outside the Fort ..... Plaintiff.

vs.

MAHOMED MEHDI THARIA TOPAN, of Bombay Khoja Mahomedan Inhabitant, living on his property, residing at Nepean Sea Road, outside the Fort of Bombay ..... Defendant.

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And whereas by a Warrant of Attachment of moveable property dated the 21st day of December, 1895, certain moveable property consisting of (1) Government Promissory Notes Rs. 1,50,000; (2) Port Trust Bonds, Rs. 20,500; (3) Fifteen shares of the Bombay Telephone Company Limited and in Zanzibar (4) Government Promissory Notes Rs. 1,51,500 was attached.

Now it is hereby proclaimed and notified that on WEDNESDAY the 8th June, 1904, at the hour of 3 o'clock P. M. under and by virtue of a warrant for sale of moveable property issued herein on the 27th day of April 1904, the undersigned will put up for sale by PUBLIC AUCTION in the office of Mr. Manockjeshaw B. Chothia, No. 57, at Esplanade Road, Fort, the right, title and interest of the abovenamed Defendant in the moveable property aforesaid or so much thereof as shall be necessary for the satisfaction of the said Decree and costs,

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| 23 | 23 1 | 50 12 | 38 0 | 31 15 | 64 9 | 47 12 | 38 1 | 23 |
| 24 | 23 9 | 51 8 | 38 10 | 32 7 | 64 11 | 47 14 | 38 4 | 24 |
| 25 | 24 2 | 52 5 | 39 4 | 33 0 | 64 13 | 48 0 | 38 7 | 25 |
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| SECURITIES— | | | |
| 2 ½ per cent. Consols | £90 1-2 | = | + 1-8 |
| 2½ do. Rentes | £96 3-1 | = | unchanged |
| 5½ do. Indian Sterling Loan | £107 | = | do |
| 3½ per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper | £65 7-3 | = | do |
| SILVER— | | | |
| Spot in London | 25 9-16 | = | — 1-8 |
| 2 months' bence | 25 3-8 | = | — 3-16 |
| Spot in New York | 55 1-2 | = | — 1-4 |
| EXCHANGES— | | | |
| Paris cheques | 25'16 1-2 | = | unchanged |
| Berlin, | 20'40 1-4 | = | do |
| New York Demand | 4'85 7-8 | = | do |
| DISCOUNTS— | | | |
| Bank of England | 3 | per cent = | do |
| 3 months' sight Bank Bills | 2 | per cent = | do |
| „ „ „ „ | 2 1-4 | per cent = | do |
| 6 months' sight Fine Trade Bills | 2 1-2 | per cent = | do |
| 6 months' sight Fine Trade Bills | 2 3-4 | per cent = | do |
| INTEREST— | | | |
| Day to day loans | 1 1-8 | per cent = | do |
| 7 day market loans | 1 1-4 | per cent = | do |
| SUGAR— | | | |
| German granulated 1st marks 11 3-16. A.-M. firm. | | | |
| WHEAT— | | | |
| White Delhi 28 1-2. J.-J. Done, | | | |
| White Karachi 27 1-2. J.-J. Done. } steady. | | | |
| Red Karachi 27 1-8. M.-J. Done. | | | |
| RAPESEED— | | | |
| Yellow Gusarat 32 1-2. M.-J. Buyers, } firmer. | | | |
| Yellow Cawnpore 32. M.-J. Sellers. | | | |
| Brown 32 1-2. M.-J. Done. | | | |
| LINSEED— | | | |
| Linseed Bold 32. J.-J. Done, steady. | | | |
| ARRIVALS— | | | |
| Steamers—Begonia and Cayo Bonito. | | | |

In Liverpool—Cotton Market closed easier. Surats quiet but steady. Manchester quiet. Total sales 5,000. Spot 7·38 — 4. Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 8 — 1-16. Sold on speculation and for Export 200. Imports 4,000. Arrivals closed easier.

| May-June. | June-July | July-Aug. |
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| 7'05 | 7'05 | 6'98 |
| — 15 | — 15 | — 15 |
| Aug.-Sept. | Sept.-Oct. | Oct.-Nov. |
| 6'74 | 6'23 | 5'99 |
| — 14 | — 11 | — 9 |
| Nov.-Dec. | Dec.-Jan. | Jan.-Feb. |
| 5'92 | 5'90 | 5'88 |
| — 8 | — 8 | — 8 |

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| Receipts at U. S. Ports | 3,000 |
| Do. last year | 5,000 |
| Exports to Great Britain | 1,000 |
| Do. do Continent | 1,000 |
| In New York— | |
| Spot | 1240 |
| Futures, month of July | 1215 — 6 |
| Do. do. December | 1197 + 1 |
| In New Orleans— | |
| Spot | steady. |
| Futures, loads of Aug. | 13 1-4 |
| Do. do. Nov. | 1274 + 2 |
| Tone at close | 1235 + 2 |

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, for the 24 hours ending at 6 p. m. on Thursday, 19th May, 1904:—

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|---|---|
| Cotton | 2,983 bales. |
| Wheat | 61,595 qrts. |
| Linseed | 35,315 „ |
| Rape, Rai and Mustard | 30,150 „ |
| Gingelly seed | 4,270 „ |
| Poppyseed | 12,060 „ |
| Groundnuts | 151 „ |
| Castorseed | 5,556 „ |
| Rice | 9,389 „ |
| Myrabolams | 6,503 „ |
| Cottonseed | 3,600 „ |
| Mowrasseed | nil |
| Gram | 6,500 „ |
| Jowar | 3,150 „ |
| Maize | 50 „ |

BOMBAY, FRIDAY MAY 20.

Our active export season is slowly tailing off, and there has been no excitement to record in any of our markets during the current week. A spurt in American cotton was reported on Tuesday morning, which came as rather a surprise to the trade, but prices have again declined, and spot middling in the American markets has reached a point which has not been touched since the slump in the middle of February. Our local market has not been much influenced by the fluctuations in Americans. Certain descriptions of cotton are wanted by our mills and this makes the tone steady. Exporters are doing very little. The seeds and wheat markets have been quiet and a moderate business is passing to complete shipments. Rupee Paper declined with free selling, but is steadier again at the close.

COTTON.

The position as wired at the close of last week showed the visible supply to be 80,000 bales and stocks at the U. S. ports and the interior to be 114,000 bales, in excess of the same time last year, while the stock in Liverpool showed a decline of 56,000 bales as compared with last year. The price was 1·22 pence dearer for spot in Liverpool and 2·15 cents dearer in New York.

The Whitsuntide holidays will be kept in Lancashire during the coming week, when the Liverpool market will be closed for about four days.

The price of Americans has fluctuated since our last mail report, but closes with an easier tendency. It remains to be seen if there will be any decided increase in the consumption after the holidays are over. If it continues on the present reduced scale, the supply will be equal to the demand until the new crop comes to hand, when the heavy discount now quoted for futures will apply also to spot. We append our usual daily prices of spot middling cotton in Liverpool and New York since last mail report,

| Liverpool | New York. |
|---|---|
| May 13th.....7·38 | 13·55 |
| „ 14th.....7·34 | 13·55 |
| „ 16th.....7·46 | 13·30 |
| „ 17th.....7·02 | 13·05 |
| „ 18th.....7·42 | 13·40 |
| „ 19th.....7·38 | 13·40 |

Our market in Bombay has been steady during the week under review. The local mills were good buyers daily and in some descriptions of cotton prices are higher to-day than they were last week. The Bhownugger settlement is due on the 25th inst. but it is not anticipated that there will be any difficulties experienced. When the rise in Americans was reported early in the week, there were distinct signs of a renewed enquiry for our cotton from European spinners, and if the rise had continued, a large business would have probably resulted. But the recent decline has quite stopped the demand, and the actual business for export has been very moderate. The market for Broach is very dull and any small enquiry was eagerly met by sellers. In Dholera description a fair business is passing at declining rates. Bengals are difficult to obtain on account of the scarcity of good selections and the absence of demand for the low qualities in stock. A good enquiry has existed from the Mills for Khandesh and Oomra descriptions, and a moderate turn over is reported. In Sawginned and Westerns business is going on against previous contracts, and there is a heavy premium for spot Westerns compared with June delivery.

COTTON STATISTICS.

| | Bales. |
|---|---|
| Receipts for the week | 61,229 |
| Receipts from 1st Oct. to May 19th | 18,11,357 |
| Shipments for week to Europe | 21,213 |
| Do. China, Japan, and Coast Ports | 951 |
| Total | 22,199 |
| Shipments from 1st Oct. to May 19th Europe | 8,35,544 |
| Japan | 227,376 |
| China | 20,991 |
| Coast Ports | 11,471 |
| Total | 10,93,382 |
| Afloat in Harbour for Europe | 27,279 |
| China, Japan, and Coast Ports | 5,849 |

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

| | |
|---|---|
| Tone | |
| Estimated sales | bales 6,000 |
| Imports | do 12,000 |

| May-June. | June-July. | July-Aug. |
|---|---|---|
| 7'16 | 7'11 | 7'07 |
| +11 | +11 | +11 |
| Aug-Sept | Sept-Oct | Oct-Nov. |
| 6'85 | 6'30 | 6'05 |
| +11 | +7 | +3 |
| Nov.-Dec. | Dec.-Jan. | Jan.-Feb. |
| 5'98 | 5'95 | 5'91 |
| +6 | +6 | +6 |

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association Limited:—

| | Fine | F.-G. | Gd. | Delivery |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bengal (H.-G.) (Ry.terms) ... | 244 | 230 | 223 | May 25 |
| Bengals (M.-G.) (Ry.terms)... | 256 | 244 | ... | „ |
| Sind-Punjab (M.-G.) ... ... | 256 | 244 | ... | „ |
| Oomrawatee(descriptions)M.-G. | 256 | 250 | ... | „ |
| Khandeish (M.-G.) ... | ... | ... | 247 | 239 „ |
| Jalgaum do, ... | ... | ... | 248 | 239 „ |
| Khandwa do. ... | ... | ... | 252 | ... „ |
| Khangaum fair staple (M-G) | } | | | |
| Karanja do. do. do, | } | 259 | 252 | „ |
| Akola do. do. do, | } | | | |
| Oomra good staple (M-G) | | | | |
| Dhamangaum Poolgaum (MG) | 260 | 253 | ... | „ |
| Nagpur Kamptee (M.-G.)... | 265 | 258 | ... | „ |
| Broach (M.-G.) ... | 300 | 290 | ... | „ |
| Surat (M.-G.) ... | 318 | 308 | ... | „ |
| Bhownugger (M G.) ... | 263 | 251 | ... | „ |
| Do. (H.-G.) ... | 260 | 248 | 237 | „ |
| Muttia (M. G.) ... ... | 254 | 242 | ... | „ |
| Dharwar (S.-G) ... ... | ... | ... | 281 | „ |
| Western ... ... ... | ... | ... | 271 | „ |
| (M. G.) ... ... | ... | ... | ... | „ |
| Dhollera (M.-G.) ... | 265 | 253 | 243 | „ |
| Do (H.-G.) ... | 262 | 250 | 240 | „ |
| Compta (M G) ... ... | ... | ... | 232 | |

SEEDS AND WHEAT.

There has been a much quieter feeling all through the week in our oilseed markets, as advices from home show that the markets there have gone back to their former inactivity.

With weaker advices from the other side, we have also lower rates here; linseed has declined about 2 annas. Rapeseed 2 to 3 annas and poppyseed 2 annas from last week's highest points.

There was a considerable speculative feeling early in the week amongst dealers in linseed and poppyseed, but those buyers have nearly all withdrawn at the close, and exporters buy only what they urgently require. Arrivals are fairly large, especially of linseed and rapeseed.

In wheat there was a good demand the last few days to meet prompt shipments, but as plenty of stuff is available and receipts are large, rates have not advanced. On the contrary they close easier.

Week's arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cotton | 61,229 bales |
| Wheat | 3,56,317 qrts. |
| Linseed | 1,20,629 „ |
| Rape, Rai and Mustard | 1,17,890 „ |
| Gingellyseed | 18,041 „ |
| Poppyseed | 60,420 „ |
| Groundnuts | 614 „ |
| Castorseed | 23,322 „ |
| Rice | 33,307 „ |
| Myrabolams | 28,05[illegible] „ |
| Cottonseed | 39,234 „ |
| Mowrasseed | 3 „ |
| Gram | 20,293 „ |
| Jowar | 37,824 „ |
| Maize | 690 „ |

SEEDS—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Linseed.—Tone quiet but steady | Rs. | a. | p. |
| Ready ... ... ... | 5 | 4 | 0 |
| Rapeseed.—Tone quiet | | | |
| Brown Cawnpore, Ready. | 4 | 13 | 0 |
| Yellow Cawnpore, Ready. | 5 | 3 | 0 |
| Yellow Guzerat, Ready | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Poppyseed.—Tone quiet | | | |
| Ready ... ... | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Castorseed—Tone steady | | | |
| Ready ... ... ... | 2 | 4 | 0 |

WHEAT.—Tone quiet

Soft red Ahmedabad, Rs. 28
Club, No. 1 .....Rs. 27-8
Hard Red .....Rs. 24

FREIGHT.

The market has been firm and rates have advanced during the week under review. There was some enquiry for wheat shipments and owners are reported to have refused 14s. for June steamers. Four steamers were taken up by Karachi since last mail left at 14s. 9d. each month June to September The actual bookings here are small, as buyers are not following the advance.

Our quotations are as follows:—

Trieste and Venice 14s. 6d. to 15s. May June shipment, Rubattino Steamers...10s. June do.
Hamburg.....10s. to 17s. May do.
Open ports...15s. 6d. seeds and wheat May do.
Picked ports.....14s 6d. June do.
do do .....14s. 3d. July do.
do, .....14s August to December.

MONEY.

BANK RATE.—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Bank of England | since 21st April | 3 per cent. |
| Bank of Bombay | do 19th May | 4 do |
| Bank of Bengal | do 19th May | 4 do |
| Bank of Madras | do 17th May | 6 do |

The following is the Weekly Statement of the Bank of Bombay for the week ending 14th May last, as compared with that of the previous week:—

| LIABILITIES. | Rs. | |
|---|---|---|
| Public Deposits ... ... ... | 4,36,175 | Decrease. |
| Other Deposits ... ... ... | 32,75,327 | Increase. |
| Sundries ... ... ... | 64,218 | Decrease. |
| ASSETS. | | |
| Government Securities ... ... | 1,39,667 | Decrease. |
| Other Authorized Securities ... | 78,327 | Decrease. |
| Credits on Securities ... ... | 1,79,411 | Decrease. |
| Loans do. | 11,117 | Increase. |
| Bills discounted & purchased... | 5,40,860 | Increase. |
| Balance with other Banks ... | 2,52,736 | Increase. |
| Sundries ... ... ... | 9,239 | Increase. |
| Cash ... ... ... | 24,77,340 | Increase. |

These figures show a decline in the trade demand of about 29½ lakhs.

The Bank of Bengal cash balance is unchanged from last week and the Bank of Madras was 5 lakhs lower. All the Presidency Banks have reduced their official rates since last mail left. On the 17th instant the Bank of Madras rate was reduced 1 per cent. to 6 per cent. per annum, and on the 19th instant the Bank of Bengal and the Bank of Bombay put their rates down 1 per cent, the rate in both Banks now being 4 per cent. per annum. The rate for short fixed deposits is 2 1-2 per cent.

PAPER CURRENCY RESERVE.

The following are the latest returns as published in the "Gazette of India" for the 7th May:—

| | Rs. |
|---|---|
| Silver coin and bullion | 4,31,27,277 |
| Gold coin and bullion | 16,21,32,707 |
| Silver held as security | nil |
| Total of notes in circulation | Rs. 35,67,40,930. |

COUNCIL BILLS.

The total amount of bills sold during the week ending on Tuesday evening was Rs. 50·10 lakhs. At the weekly allotment on Wednesday fifty lakhs were put up for tender, and were taken up in the proportion of 30·80 lakhs of bills at 1s. 4 1-32d, and 19·20 lakhs in telegraphic transfers at 1s. 4 1-16d., tenderers at these rates receiving 22 per cent. The amount to be allotted next week has been increased to sixty lakhs. A small extra allotment of bills amounting to Rs. 40,000 was made at 1s. 4 1-16d.

The mail of the 6th May brings £ 120,000 silver and £50,000 gold, and the following Council Bills:—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Calcutta | Rs. | 15,00,000 |
| Bombay | „ | 16,30,000 |
| Madras | „ | 4,60,000 |
| Total... | Rs. | 35,90,000 |

The mail of the 13th May brings £ 250,000 silver and £50,000 gold, and the following Council Bills:—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Calcutta | Rs. | 15,19,000 |
| Bombay | „ | 3,80,000 |
| Madras | „ | 7,30,000 |
| Total... | Rs. | 31,70,000 |

The mail of the 20th May brings £ 130,000 silver and £ 60,000 gold, and the following Council Bills:—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Calcutta | Rs. | 2 70,000 |
| Bombay | „ | 15,10,000 |
| Madras | „ | 1,80,000 |
| Total... | Rs. | 19,60,000. |

EXCHANGE.

The sterling exchange market remains very uninteresting from day to day. Quotations are all unaltered since last mail. In Bank paper telegraphic transfers are quoted 1-4 1-32, and business can be done at this rate forward as well as ready. Demand remains unchanged at 1-4 1-16 at which there is only a very moderate enquiry. In Mercantile paper 3 months sight credits D.-A. are still quoted 1s. 4 7-32d., but occasionally, in combination with other business, 1s. 4 3-16d. has been accepted for ready and near delivery. The volume of business reported in the market both in buying and selling is on very moderate lines.

Exchange—Tone steady.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bank T.T. | | | 1s. 4 1-32d. |
| Bank Demand | | | 1s. 4 1-16d. |
| Credit Bills | 3 Months Sight | D. A. | 1s. 4 7-32d. |
| Do | 6 do | do | 1s. 4 5-16d. |
| French | 3 do | do | 170 1-4 |
| Francs | 6 do | do | 168 1-2 |
| Marks | 3 do | do | 138 1-2 |
| Hongkong | 30 Days' Sight | | 131 |
| Shanghai | 30 do | do | 132 |
| Japan | 30 do | do | 148 |

PIECE GOODS.

This market continues quiet with very little upcountry demand from buyers. Rates for greys and whites show a decline on the week and clearances have been on a smaller scale. Bombay rates are so much below Manchester requirements that no forward business is practicable.

GOVERNMENT PAPER.

The market was quiet and declining this week, on rumours of the near approach of the floating of the new Rupee loan of three crores. We opened at 98-4 for this month's settlement and the rate has gradually declined to 97-9. A fairly large business is reported in the bazaar. For the 30th June settlement the quotation is 97-5.

| | |
|---|---|
| 3 2-2 per cent. cash | Rs. 97-10 |
| 3 1-2 per cent 31st May | Rs. 97-9 |
| 3 1-2 per cent 30th June | Rs. 97-5 |
| 3 per cent ready | Rs. 85-8 |

| | Repayable. | Rate. |
|---|---|---|
| 4 per cent Bombay Port Trust | ... 1923 | 104 4 |
| 4 per cent „ „ | ... 1930 | 104 12 |
| 4 per cent „ „ | ... 1932 | 104 12 |
| 4 per cent Bombay Municipal | ... 1923 | 103 4 |
| 4 per cent „ „ | ... 1943 | 103 12 |
| 5 per cent „ „ | ... Tanna | 116 117 |
| 5 per cent „ „ | ... Sanitary | 115 116 |
| 4 per cent Bo. Improvmt Trust | ... 1959 | 103 4 |
| 4 per cent „ „ | ... 1962 | 103 4 |

BULLION.

The market has been quiet during the past week and there was little business doing locally. Clearances are small and there is a fairly large stock here. Indian rates are below the parity of London quotations. At the close our prices are the same for ready and forward deliveries. There is a small business reported in gold.

| | Rs. | a. | p. |
|---|---|---|---|
| English Bar Gold | 24 | 0 | 0 |
| Australian Bar Gold | 24 | 0 | 0 |
| Bombay do | 24 | 0 | 0 |
| English Shield Sovereigns | 15 | 2 | 8 |
| Do. Dragons | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Silver ex-duty Ready | 64 | 4 | 0 |
| Do. 1st settlement | 64 | 4 | 0 |
| Do. 2nd do. | 64 | 4 | 0 |

LOCAL YARNS.

The Yarn market keeps very firm. Prices have an advancing tendency and must improve to give the mills a margin. Sales during the week are estimated at 20,000 bales. Hongkong and Shanghai report active markets with a good off-take.

METALS.

Copper and Yellow metal are very quiet owing to paucity of demand and stocks are fast accumulating. During the week only 25 tons of copper sheets were sold ready at £66-10, but nothing was done in forward delivery. Iron and steel are steady and dealers are operating freely both for ready and distant shipments, as deliveries from the local market are good owing to approach of monsoon. Spelter is quiet here but firm at home. Quick silver and pig lead are dull.

COALS.

The market is quiet with but little ready business reported owing to high rates of lighterage.

SHARES.

The market is steady. Bank of Bombay shares are reported to have changed hands at Rs. 1,292 1/2 In miscellaneous list Badham Piles have changed hands at Rs. 156. Bombay Burmahs are unchanged at Rs. 7,475 quarter shares have changed hands at Rs. 1,870. Bombay Ice shares have improved to Rs. 46. Delhi and Northern India Flour Mill shares have changed hands at and about Rs. 187. Kemps at Rs. 1,275. Treachers at Rs. 540. Port Cannings, have improved to Rs. 415. Bombay Telephones are unchanged at Rs. 24 1/2. In mill shares, Centrals have declined to Rs. 1,500, cum-dividend, Swadeshi to Rs 810 ex-dividend, Davids have improved to Rs 220 ex dividend, Standard to Rs 360 ex-dividend, Kohinoors to Rs 340 ex-dividend, Manekji Petits have gradually improved to Rs. 2,020 ex-dividend. During the week Southern Maharathas have changed hands at and about Rs. 125, Morarjis are unchanged at Rs 1700 and Sholahpurs at at Rs. 1,820 ex-dividend, Chinas have improved to Rs. 570. Currimbhois to Rs. 625. Colaba Land and Mill shares are unchanged at Rs. 375. City of Bombay Mill shares have changed hands at Rs. 645 ex-dividend. Framji Petits have improved to Rs. 690 ex-dividend. Sassoon Mill shares are unchanged at Rs. 665 and Sassoon Silk at Rs. 530. Queen Mill shares are steady at Rs. 540 C. D. Jamsheds are steady at Rs. 65. Press shares are quiet, Mofussil's at Rs. 535, Indian Cotton at Rs 165, Hingolees have declined to Rs. 150, New Berars are steady at Rs. 545 Harvey and Sabapatty have changed hands at Rs. 635. In Railway Companies Ahmedabad Prantej have changed hands at and about Rs. 425, Tapti Valley at Rs. 392½. The rest are unchanged at previous quotations.

The share market was closed to-day owing to the sad news of the death of Mr. Jamshedji N. Tata, the well-known merchant and Mill owner of Bombay.

## DIVINE SERVICES.

WHIT SUNDAY, MAY 22.

ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion—Choral Woodward in E flat.
Hymns—197, 207, 322 and 155.
5 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon
Hymns—154, 210 and 186.
Collections for—A. C. S
Daily Matins at 6-45 a.m. and Evensong at 5 p.m.
Daily Holy Communion at 7-15 a.m.

WESLEYAN CHURCH,
(Colaba Causeway.)

8 a.m.—Parade Service Preacher—Rev. C Ryder-Smith B.A.
6 p.m.—Evening Service, Preacher—Rev. C. Ryder-Smith B. A.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
8-30 to 9-30 p.m.—Social Hour.
(Wesleyan Church, Victoria Gardens, Byculla.
9-30 a.m.—Preacher—Rev C. Ryder Smith B. A.
6 p.m.—Preacher—Mr. E. W. Frith-ley.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.

CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PAREL, (Madras Time.)

No Morning Services.
6-30 p. m.—Evensong and Sermon,
Hymns—157, 158 and 220.

THE UNITED FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND,

11 a. m.—United Service. (St Andrew's Church.)
6 p.m.—Evening Service.—Preacher—Rev. W. G. Robertson B. D.
Hymns—443, 102, 159 and 108.
Psalm—125.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MALABAR HILL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion,

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MAZAGON,

6 a. m.—Holy Eucharist
7 a.m.—Holy Eucharist with Hymn
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon by Rev. Father Langmore, Alms for the Pauch Howds Minton.

BOWEN MEMORIAL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
(Apollo Bunder.)

9-15 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Classes.
11 a.m.—Divine Service.
6 p.m.—Divine Service Preacher—Rev. L. A Core.
All Seats free and Strangers cordially invited.

MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.

7-15 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer, and Sermon.
Collections for the Bombay English Bibleswomen's Association.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,
(Church of Scotland.)

11 a. m.—Morning Service.
Psalm—46—Tune 124
Hymn—24—Tune 1st.
Hymn—135—Tune 2nd
Hymn—3.
4-30 p. m. Sunday School.
6 p. m.—Evening Service.
Psalm—23—Tune 204.
Hymn—132.
Hymn—174.
Hymn—361.

ST. NICHOLAS' SEAMEN'S CHURCH,
Opposite the Main Gate of Prince's Dock.

6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon,

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, COLABA.
(Afghan Memorial Church.)

8 a.m.—Choral—Celebration of the Holy Communion,
9 a.m.—Parade Service.
5 p.m.—Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Evensong, Choral and Sermon.
Offertories—during the day for Church Expenses.

BAPTIST CHURCH.
(Bellasis Road, opposite Byculla Club.)

8-30 a. m.—Morning Service—Speaker: Rev. J. O'Brien.
6 p.m.—Evening Service—Speaker Rev. J. O'Brien.
5 p.m.—Sunday School.

CHRIST CHURCH, BYCULLA.

7 and 8 a.m.—Holy Communion—(Choral),
Hymns—156, 154, 313 and 182.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon,
Hymns—155, 208, 207 and 155.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion,
Hymns—155, 153 and 324.
5 p. m. Childrens Service,
6 p. m.—Evensong and Sermon,
Hymns—152, 332 and 154.
Offerings for the Indo-British Institution.

## FOREIGN TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE.

MAY 20.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

GREAT BRITAIN—Via Teheran, perfect Via Turkey perfect, Via Suez, perfect.
EUROPE—Via Teheran, perfect Via Turkey perfect, Via Suez perfect.
AMERICA—Via Brest perfect, Via Valentia, perfect, Via Direct Cable, perfect.
AUSTRALIA—Via Penang, perfect, via Amoor prefect.
CHINA.—Via Penang, perfect, Via Amoor, perfect, Via Shanghai, perfect.
AFRICA—Via Aden, perfect, Via Cadiz Teneriffe, perfect Via Lisbon, St. Vincent, perfect.
Cable Cayenne—Pinheros, interrupted 4-8-03).
Cable Dominique—Martinique, and St. Lucia—Martinique interrupted.
Telegrams will be conveyed frequently by steamers (14-5-03)
Cable communication with Martinique is open via Lisbon and Cadiz.
Telegrams are accepted at sender's risk, an ICode addresses should not be used, (4-8-03).
Cables between Vladivostok and Nagasaki are closed for an indefinite period to all classes of telegrams, (18-2-04).
The Vladivostock route being temporarily closed.
Telegrams via China for Europe and places beyond should bear in the preamble the indication via Siachte the charges are the same as by the Vladivostok route, (23-2-04).
Cable between Dakor and Conaky interrupted consequently telegrams over that section via Siachte the charges are the same as by the Vladivostok route, (23-2-04).
Cable Gibraltar Tangier interrupted.
Moulmein route to Siam interrupted.
Latest dates of Foreign Messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m., of the 20th May, 1904.

(Difference in Longitude allowed for.)

| Via. | Latest Dates. D. | H. | M. | Time occupied in transmission. Hours. | Minutes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Turkey | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Teheran | 20 | 1 | 15 p.m. | 1 | 0 |
| Suez | 20 | 1 | 50 a.m. | 0 | 14 |

Time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay during the 24 hours ending 8 p.m. of the 20th May, 1904.

| | Maximum Time. H. | M. | Minimum Time. H. | M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| From Calcutta | 0 | 50 | 0 | 1 |
| „ Karachi | 1 | 7 | 0 | 2 |
| „ Madras | 0 | 27 | 0 | 6 |


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(Compiled for despatch by the Weekly Mails to Europe.)


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## SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE steamer Cawdor Castle, 4952 tons, Captain D Samuel will sail to-day for Hamburg with a general cargo.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Orissa, 3525 tons, Captain F W Fry, arrived in harbour on the 18th instant from Calcutta 6th May with a cargo of coal.

THE Bombay and Persia S N Co's steamer Haidari, 1561 tons, Captain H F Hill, sailed yesterday for Calcutta with a cargo of duty paid salt.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Uganda, 3198 tons, Captain R G Cunningham, sailed yesterday for the Persian Gulf, with the same bottom cargo.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Goalpara, 1359 tons, Captain H McClelland, arrived in harbour on Thursday evening from the Persian Gulf with a general cargo. 11 cases opium, and Mr N Marob, five natives and 182 deck passengers.

THE following is the list of passengers per Austrian Lloyd's steamer Imperator, Captain F Mosca, arrived in harbour yesterday morning from Trieste with the following passengers:—Mr Magnus, Captain A D S Burton, Col Campbell, Dr Graff, Mr Weinmann, Mr Thompson, Mr Lienz, Mr J Ferrares Mr and Mrs Palulawam, Mr and Mrs Akbar, child and infant and Mr S M Ben Agel.

### MEN-OF-WAR AND ROYAL INDIAN MARINE SHIPS.

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| R I M S Mayo | Lt-Comdr G Gardner | R I Marine |
| R I M S Lawrence | Lt Comdr Rowell | R I Marine |
| R I M S Investigator | Comdr T H Heming | Survey steamer |
| Torpedo Boat | No. 100 | |
| Do | No 102 | |
| Do | No 103 | |

### VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—MAY 20.

| Vessel. | Ton. | ast. | Destination | Date. | Agent. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Deutschland bq | 763 | Nacoda | The Captain | | |
| Parsi Karim | 68 | Nacoda | Mutlwah | | |
| Palitana | 1934 | Lemarchand | | | M M & Co |
| Jelunga | 3261 | Windebank | | | M M & Co |
| Huzara | 1336 | McClelland | | | M M & Co |
| Ormidale | 2305 | Hamilton | | | W & A G & Co |
| Ayoca | 3410 | Lowe | | | M M & Co |
| Canara | 1218 | Carey | | | M M & Co |
| Kilbrennan | 2332 | Wilson | | | W & A G & Co |
| Oriental | 3086 | Spicer | | | P & O Co |
| Nordpol | 2403 | Stolle | | | G Nixon & Co |
| Woodbridge | 2331 | Evans | | | Bombay Co |
| Haidari | 1562 | Hill | | | Bo & P S N |
| Phoenician | 3218 | Kent | | | A Monteschoffs |
| Bengal | 3280 | Philips | | | P & O Co |
| Santhia | 3351 | Philips | | | M M & Co |
| Shahood | 2198 | Davison | | | E Tajbhoy |
| Rance | 3851 | Carran | | | T Morrison & Co |
| Lalpoora | 3124 | Kedsale | | | M M & Co |
| Ventia | 3333 | Reid | | | W & A G & Co |
| Pandit | 3832 | Crebolin | | | T Morrison & Co |
| Uganda | 3198 | Livingstone | | | M M & Co |
| Anvil | 3973 | Peel | | | E Tajbhoy |
| Damoral | 3260 | Cole | | | K Nixon & Co |
| Alcoa | 690 | | | | P Campell & Co |
| Amaya | | S R Dowell | | | Transport |
| Straitmore | 2296 | King | | | W & A Graham & Co |
| Nasir | 491 | Molleman | | | T M & Co |
| Akbar | 1410 | Baldwin | | | H C Joosub |
| Powderham | 1943 | Toms | | | H S Hussain |
| Orissa | 3525 | Fry | | | M M & Co |
| Braunfels | 1888 | Reith | | | Gaide & Co |
| Imperator | 2320 | Mosca | | | A Lloyd S N Co |

### VESSELS IN DOCKS.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

| Shed. | Vessel. | Ton. | Capt. | Destination. | Date. | Agents. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | Merton Hall | 3883 | Pronse | Karachi | 21-5 | W & A G & Co |
| B | Clan Macleod | 3913 | Cowie | Liverpool | 21-5 | F Muir & Co |
| C | Alnwick | 1957 | Sampson | | 19-5 | P & O Co |
| D | Djibouti | 2729 | Cecoaldi | Havre | 6-6 | K Nixon & Co |
| F | Clan Stuart | 2285 | Lennox | Chittagong | 25-5 | F M & Co |
| G | Secunder | 1073 | Brabant | Mauritius | 24-5 | H S Siding |
| H | G of Trinidad | 1604 | Hughes | R S Ports | 22-5 | P & P S N |
| K | Vermont | 2723 | Haynes | Antwerp | 3-5 | F Muir & Co |
| L | Puri | 267 | Hopsaling | Shpd & Co | | |
| M | Wyneric | 2361 | Nivea | Antwerp | 4-6 | T M & Co |
| N | Bombay | 2049 | Vicary | Genoa | 21-5 | J M & Co |
| O | Afghan | 1439 | Mackay | Mauritius | 16-5 | G Joosub |
| P | Camada Capo | 2791 | Symms | Dunkirk | 21-5 | R N & Co |
| Q | Goalpara | 2147 | McClelland | P Gulf | 14-5 | M M & Co |

VICTORIA DOCK.

| Shed. | Vessel. | Ton. | Capt. | Destination. | Date. | Agents. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Asia | 2336 | Shanklin | Liverpool | 21-5 | W & A G & Co |
| 2 | Circassia | 4315 | Haig | Liverpool | 21-5 | W & A G & Co |
| 3 | Labuan | 2291 | Gardner | Trieste | 24-5 | A L S N Co |
| 4 | Nanshan | 2257 | Kenrick | Kobe | 26-5 | P & O Co |
| 5 | Oriental | 3055 | Spicer | Aden | 21-5 | P and O Co |
| 6 | Cawder Castle | 4952 | Smith | Hamburg | 21-5 | Ali Bros |
| 8 | Trieste | 2293 | Mecozzi | Trieste | 21-5 | A L S N Co |
| 9 | Clan Macdonald | 3112 | Harrison | Genoa | 23-5 | M M & Co |
| 10 | Springwell | 1243 | Chisholm | Antwerp | 25-5 | M M & Co |
| 12 | Persia | 4168 | Wheler | London | 28-5 | P & O Co |
| 14 | Mary Jose | 599 | Ormok | Melbourne | 31-5 | O & Oceli |
| 15 | Afghan Prince | 3133 | Campbell | Aden | 28-5 | W & A G |

HARBOUR WALL P. DOCK.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bahadur | 632 | Fukura | Karachi | 21-5 | Shpd & Co |
| Kaveri | 535 | Ahmed | B'negar | 21-5 | Shpd & Co |

HARBOUR WALL V. DOCK.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dumra | 674 | Gun Cunningham | Karachi | 21-5 | M M |

MERE WEATHER DEY DOCK.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rander Rounlon | 130 | Carr | Gangoon | 28-5 | H J M Ajam |
| Union La Digue | Corp | 222 | Hault | Seychelles | 27-5 | G J Ajam |

30 Tons Crane

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hossines | 993 | D'Lorue | Jeddah | 28-5 | B & P S N Co |

### ARRIVALS.

| May. | Vessel. | Commander. | From |
|---|---|---|---|
| 19 | Orissa s | Fry | Calcutta, May 6 |
| 20 | Goalpara s | McClelland | Bandra, May 4 |
| 20 | Imperator s | Mosca | Trieste, May 3 |

### DEPARTURE.

| May. | Vessel. | Commander. | Destination. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 20 | Taroba s | Naller | Calcutta, &c |
| | Haidari s | Hill | Calcutta |
| | Uganda s | Jennigham | Persian Gulf |

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday.
Steamers Cawder Castle, Samuel for Hamburg
" Trieste, Mecozzi for Trieste via Karachi

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday:—
Steamer Djibouti for Dunkirk and Havre
" Imperator for Trieste, &c
" Woodbridge for Belfast
" Kilbrennan for Liverpool, &c
" Goalpara for Persian Gulf

### CALCUTTA.

ARRIVALS.

| May | Vessels | Tons | Agents | From |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 17 | Purnea | 2127 | M M & Co | Rangoon |

DEPARTURES.

| May | Names | Tons | Agents | For |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 17 | Fazilka | 2698 | M M & Co | Bombay |
| 17 | Saxonia | 3326 | G & Co | Hamburg |
| 17 | Warcongo | 1669 | M M & Co | Rangoon |
| 18 | Marwarri | 3620 | T M & Co | Antwerp |
| 18 | City of Madras | 3043 | G W & Co | London |
| 18 | Una | 879 | A W & Co | Cape Ports |

May 17th—Steamer Shahzada.

### MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

| May. | Vessels. | From |
|---|---|---|
| 14 | Clan Chattan | Liverpool |
| 16 | Clan Cumming | Cocanada |
| 17 | Goorkha | London |
| 17 | Scindia | Calcutta |
| 17 | Bihara | Rangoon |

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P and O S N Co's steamer Somali arrived at London on the morning of the 19th instant.
The P and O S N Co's steamer Sumatra arrived at Suez from Colombo on the afternoon of the 15th instant.
The P and O Co's steamer Malta is expected to arrive in Bombay from China at 2 p.m. on Monday next.

### DAILY EXPORTS.—MAY 20.

FOR LIVERPOOL.
Circassia s—36 bales wool F F Campbell and Co; 116 bales wool M Katansley; 2000 cwt maize Sanday and Co; 105 cwt coir yarn L Nurse.
Clan Macleod s—4000 cwt cottonseed G Madhawjee.
FOR LONDON.
Persia s—200 cwt cottonseed H Anandrao and Co; 1021 cw myrabollams G Madhowjee; 200 cwt wheat Kalli Bros.
Oriental s—12 cwt ivory N Ahmed; 23 1-4 cwt ivory K N Mianee
FOR DUNKIRK.
Djibouti s—4000 cwt wheat D Nanjee and Co.
Canada Capo s—324 bales cotton Kalli Bros; 100 bales cotton Gaddum and Co.
FOR TRIESTE.
Imperator s—550 bales cotton Glade and Co.
FOR ANTWERP.
Wyneric s—210 bales cotton Glade and Co; 5000 cwt wheat Sanday and Co; 3000 cwt cottonseed E D Sassoon and Co; 2000 cwt wheat J Fachiri; 12000 cwt D Nanjee and Co; 1001 cwt myrabollams G Madhowjee; 1000 cwt myrabollams K Bulakrishandas; 200 cwt gum P Jethabhoy; 4000 cwt rapeseed Nansee Khanna and Co.
Springwell s—2 5 bales cotton E Spinner and Co; 380 bales cotton Kalli Bros.
Vermont s—350 bales cotton Gaidum and Co.
FOR HAMBURG.
Cowdor Castle s—2089 cwt rapeseed Kalli Brothers.
FOR VENICE.
Trieste s—150 bales cotton Gaddum and Co.
Labuan s—450 bales cotton Gaddum and Co.
FOR GENOA.
Clan Macdonald s—640 bales cotton Kalli Brothers; 100 bales cotton G Lejpal and Co.
Bombay s—200 bales cotton Gaddum and Co.
FOR BELFAST.
Woodbridge s—110000 cwt wheat Kalli Brothers
FOR BARCELONA.
Circassia s—200 bales cotton Kalli Brothers; 100 bales cotton Madras wala Sons and Co.
FOR MARSEILLES.
Circassia s—110 bales cotton Kalli Brothers; 500 cwt dry copracut P Valabdas.
FOR CONSTANTINOPLE.
Circassia s—98 bales cotton Kalli Bros
Alnwick s—88000 cwt wheat Kalli Brothers,
FOR ROSE.
Nankin s—242 bales cotton G Lejpal and Co; 100 bales cotton Jewandas Mooljee and Co; 200 bales cotton N Futehally and Co.

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SQUADRON ORDERS, BY MAJOR T. W. CUFFE, COMMANDING BO. LT. HORSE,
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3 All members who have joined since the 1st April will wear Mufti.

By Order,
F. A. REDDIE, Lieut.,
Ag. Adjutant, Bo. Lt. H.

THE body of Norodom, King of Cambodia, who died recently at the age of seventy-five, a Reuter's Saigon telegram says, has been placed in a gold coffin temporarily to await cremation.

THE unending race between the inventors of deadly weapons and those who set to work to provide means of protection against them is again exemplified in the case of the submarine, of which we have heard so much of late. To guard against the attacks of such vessels a special telephonic apparatus was recently tested in the Gulf of Genoa. The invention comprises a receiver of which the microphonic sensibility gives aural warning of the approach of a vessel at a distance varying from fifteen to twenty kilometres. The results obtained are said to have been of the most satisfactory kind.


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## DODGING THE CUSTOMS.

WHEN travellers inveigh against the Customs regulations and authorities it cannot always be present to their minds that there is another side to the woful picture of the discomfort and delay attending the getting of themselves and their belongings through the douane. They are generally so absorbed by the situation as it affects their own movements, whether they are innocent of any desire to infringe the law or not, that the fact of the Customs authorities being in honor bound to do their duty has little or no place in their thoughts. But apart from a few exceptional individuals afflicted with a temperament that delights in detecting evasions of Customs duty, and bringing the offenders to prompt punishment, the officials entrusted with the examination of travellers' baggage are as human as other beings and are ready to apply the letter of the law without too venomous an insistence of the Biblical theory that all men are liars. An article in the current "Century" by D. K. Davis helps one to realise what an unequal struggle with sinners the Customs authorities have all the world over, as is shown by the few they discover in the act of smuggling and the many who pass scot free. We are all familiar with the people who boast shamelessly of their success in hoodwinking the Customs—and not always the foreign Customs either. To listen to the stories of the various articles that have been triumphantly passed in without paying duty would suggest to the anthropologist that smuggling was in the blood. Certain it is that glory, not shame, is the portion of those who succeed in getting certain forbidden goods across the barrier unsuspected and undeclared. There are people who honestly own up when they have anything dutiable in their baggage, but for one scrupulous person of this sort there are certainly ten who try to evade the law. That they commit any moral wrong by so doing, it is not easy to convince them, for they persist in viewing the Customs as a gratuitous annoyance, as a barrier erected in the most tantalising places and a hindrance in the acquisition of new and delightful trifles. There are besides these comparatively innocent smugglers, many who make a real business of bringing in dutiable goods, disguised or hidden, and it is the catching of such wholesale evaders that exercises the wit and the ingenuity of the inspector of customs and his satellites. In America at least, we are here given to understand, the public who try to avoid paying duties, are convinced that the congressmen who make the customs laws are so little superior to themselves that their enactments are radically bad, and that there can be no crime in evading them. This is specious reasoning.

It is not cheering to read that the gentler sex, who are generally and justly credited with a more delicately balanced conscience than men, are the worst and most flagrant offenders and are the greatest possible bane to the Customs officials in the performance of their unpleasant duty. Moreover, the richest women top the list easily. The estimate that nine-tenths of the women who travel try to avoid paying duty is a shockingly high one, but that is what the overburdened and over-reached officials dare to say. "To even the most hardened inspector it is a never-ending source of amazement that refined, educated, Christian women," who in ordinary life would scorn to steal a pin, go calmly and even cunningly to work to defraud their paternal government of hundreds of dollars or pounds and see no wrong in the attempt, even rejoicing when it succeeds. Sometimes they are caught red-handed, as was a lady refined, cultured, moving in good society, who came from Europe with a trunk provided with a palpably false bottom, under which were valuable goods she intended to have in her western home duty-free. But the inspector easily detected the depth of treachery in that trunk and the lady having failed to evade the American Customs immediately turned her supple mind to evading exposure, and in the Law Division to which the inspector mercifully hurried her, she gladly paid the full foreign value of the goods, the duty and fifty per cent fine. Asked why she had attempted this essay in smuggling she declared she was the only woman among her travelling acquaintance who had always paid duty, and being laughed at for doing so, she determined to try evasion which all her friends professed to practice successfully. The inspectors are often asked to pass bearers of letters from influential men quickly through under one pretext or another. These are looked on with much suspicion while being gaily run off the ship and many a one, when he wants his trunks examined in a hurry, is found to have dutiable contents running into large figures in those receptacles. Ladies smuggle silk and lace, gentlemen cigars and cigarettes, the real smuggler silk, watches, jewellery, diamonds and precious stones. One of these landed with an empty sleeve, being apparently one-armed; a sharp inspector felt in passing that the sleeve was stiff. It was filled with a roll of silk, and the smuggler's sound arm was snugly tucked inside his shirt. Furs are contraband, but two young girls were caught, one with a Russian sable muff on her leg, and the other with a sable boa. A woman had a fine cargo of eight hundred ostrich feathers sewed inside her skirt and her equally enterprising husband had an interlining of ninety-six watches to his undervest. Ten thousand dollars' worth of diamonds were found in a smuggler's pockets a short time ago, and an ingenious lady had concealed eight hundred dollars' worth of lace in a pillow. But all these were discovered by the exercise of mother wit on the part of the inspectors.

The manner of would-be evaders of the Customs duty is the most leading feature in the detection of smuggling. Some look flagrantly innocent, others too stonily indifferent, some go to work too hastily, are nervous and self-conscious. All these shades of uneasiness and guilt are familiar to the inspector and he acts accordingly, knowing by long experience the irrefragable look of perfect innocence, which resembles none of these. He is not, however, without outside information from special agents who report to the home customs bureau any large purchases of diamonds, lace, jewellery or other valuable dutiable goods made by travellers abroad. Thus forewarned, the officials make many a haul, and the informer gets part of the fine.

One not long ago netted seven thousand dollars worth of the catch of a diamond-smuggling banker who was watched in consequence of a conversation overheard in a manicure-shop in New York, in which his cleverness in evading the Customs was lauded by some of his family, had to pay two thousand dollars in duties on next returning to his native land. But on the whole, the American customs machinery works smoothly; the travellers' baggage duty which gives the only trouble there is in collection comes to only one million of the one hundred and eighty million dollars levied on important ous. The travelling public are distinguished by the patient customs official into three classes: the honest middle class who attempts no evasion, paying up at once on dutiable goods which they patriotically declare; the lower class, which alas! is described as dishonest, who try all they can to smuggle small amounts of cheap jewellery and finery; and the upper class, here called shirking "who are the worst of the lot and the most difficult to catch." It is easy to sympathise with the smoker who has to give up all but fifty cigars or three hundred cigarettes, the limited allowance for himself in free America, and when he determines to destroy the balance so that the inspector should not have them, it must be maddening to be told that he may not do so, for they belong to the Government, and any he has destroyed are replaced from the stock permitted to him for his own consumption. The feeling of that smoker will not be on the side of loyalty until he has lighted the calumet of peace once more. What the sentiments of the inspector may be while on duty is, as a rule, carefully and heroically concealed. He has a by no means enviable task, he earns every coin of his salary many times over, and when he hits the happy mean of loyalty to his master, the law, and mercy to his victim, the traveller, he is indeed worthy of praise. That the victory often is with the traveller is unfortunately no testimony to his virtue nor to the denseness of the customs official. Dodging the customs is as favorite a sport as abuse of them and both afford inexhaustible subjects for realistic debate and travellers' tales. When will the millennium of Universal Free Trade give rest to the weary?

COOPER'S HILL. THE Secretary of State imagines he has made out a very good case why Cooper's Hill Royal Engineering College should be closed. It would have been better, had there not been such an apparent effort to condemn it beyond all hope of redemption. To the India Office it seems doubtful if it would be worth while to continue to maintain the College at such a heavy cost both to Government and to the students themselves. It is, in its mind, doubtful if fees so high do not even deprive Government of the men who are perhaps best qualified to serve it, and who, there is every reason to think, would be forthcoming in more than the requisite number and of fully requisite quality and training from other sources. The extension of the facilities for the study of the various branches of knowledge, required by the Civil Engineer, has been so large during the quarter of a century that has elapsed since the College was founded, as to lead to a grave doubt whether it is now required and whether it is not an actual check on the development of the training which can be obtained quite as good elsewhere at a less cost to the student and with considerable financial benefit to Government. Then it is pointed out that the Board of Visitors unanimously recommended that the College be closed and recruits for the P. W. D. otherwise obtained. The service will be now open to all the riff-raff who can manage to scrape through an examination The Government of India accentuated this point, laying stress upon the desirability of recruiting men who are gentlemen by character and training. The Secretary of State professedly concurs in the Viceroy's appreciation of the high standard of honour and duty which prevails in the Public Works Services of India which have worthily maintained the traditions inherited from past generations of public servants in India both Civil and Military. But he adds that seeing these qualities have been no less apparent among officials not trained at any Government institution than among those who have had the advantages of the Cooper's Hill training, he can hardly doubt that the change can be carried out without any deterioration of the stamp and class of men to be recruited—which demonstrates that the man on the spot is best judge, and that the Secretary of State is not a man of the world, and as likely to make as great a mess of Indian affairs as he did of those connected with the Army. As the Government of India protested, it is best judge of its own needs and of the manner in which to supply them. 'We have opportunities" says the protest "of judging of the personnel of the recruits who are sent out to India which are denied to residents in England. We benefit by their merits or attainments and we suffer proportionately by their failure. The primary responsibility for the finances of India rests also with us, and if we are prepared after the fullest study and consideration to spend a larger portion of Indian money upon what we regard as one of most pressing and important of Indian needs, we trust that the Secretary of State in Council, in whom is vested the ultimate responsibility, will not deny to us the opportunity of doing so." The reply of the Secretary of State is an insult to the intelligence of the Viceroy and his Council and to all who have the interests of the Government of India at heart. This is the last country in the world in which a sacrifice to the mob can be afforded, and we hope that Lord Curzon while at Home will be able to persuade the King-Emperor that his Secretary of State for India has committed a grave, in fact, a suicidal error.

THE JAPANESE DISASTERS. WITH the remains of the Russian squadron bottled up, the vicinity of Port Arthur appears to be much more dangerous for the Japanese fleet than it ever was when the Russians were free to court disaster, going in and out. The waters around the Shantung peninsula have been sown so liberally with instruments of destruction by both sides that if no other measures were taken Russia might hope, in time to see the Japanese fleet crippled as their own has been. The loss of the Hatsuse is only a little less appallingly dramatic than that of the Petropavlovsk, and as sympathy went out to Russia in the disaster suffered when her hopes in her navy were beginning to rise again, so there is general sympathy for Japan in a loss which clouds the triumphs she has won. The Hatsuse struck a mine laid by the enemy, and therefore her loss was one of the chances of war. On the same day, however, accident deprived Japan of another of her fighting ships. The cruiser Yoshino in a fog was unfortunately rammed by the Kasuga and went down with 270 men on board. The Hatsuse sank with about 440. From both the ill fated ships 390 men were saved and thus the loss of life was less than when the Petropavlovsk was blown up. The fate of the Hatsuse should cause the Japanese to exercise a little more caution than they have recently displayed in cruising around Port Arthur. They have been "sweeping the sea" of mines in the vicinity of Talienwan, but apparently the Russian torpedo boats, which can still go in and out of Port Arthur, have been free to lay other mines in the neighbourhood of landing places. Doubtless they have been enabled to do this under cover of the fog which has prevailed. A torpedo boat flotilla after sowing mechanical mines seems to have been lying in wait to note the result. The Hatsuse was covering the landing of troops and immediately the explosion told that it had struck the infernal machine, the Russian torpedoers appeared in sight They were, however, driven off by Japanese cruisers who proceeded to rescue the crew of the sinking battleship. That it was possible to save 390 shows that the most was made of the time that elapsed between the ship being struck and her disappearance. The Yoshino sank more rapidly and in her case the work of rescue was hindered by the fog. Sympathy with Japan in these losses is all the greater that, judged by her demeanour in triumph, she will bear them with stoicism.

MORTALITY IN BOMBAY. THE mortality figures for the city of Bombay continue to decline rapidly. Last week the total number of deaths in the city totalled 712 as compared with 842 in the preceding seven days, so that the decrease was again as high as 130. The death rate, 17·71 per thousand per annum, is practically 10 below that of last year and 22·3 below the average. The city has every reason, therefore, to congratulate itself upon the general tendency of the health of its population. Plague is declining with the same rapidity that has been noticed in previous weeks. There were 243 deaths in the seven days just ended as compared with 324 a week ago, and as compared with last year and the mean for the five years, the state of the epidemic shows very satisfactory improvement towards abatement. The highest number of deaths recorded in any single district was registered in Mazagon, where 18 fatal cases occurred. In the Market there were 16 deaths, in Worli 7, in Kumbarwada 15, in Sion 13, and in Mandvi 12. There were 11 deaths in Bhuleshwar and ten each in the districts of Mahim and Byculla. Upper Colaba and First Nagpada are now free from the disease. This is a remarkable contrast to the state of affairs which existed a short time ago. The disease a pears to have abated during the progress of the hot weather with even more rapidity than is usually the case. The death rates of several of the districts are still very high. A mortality rate of 81·69 was recorded in Tarwadi, in Parel the figure was 79·7, in Khara Talao 74·09, and in Sewri 72·73. The healthiest districts of the city appear to be First Nagpada, where although the population is over 10,000 there was only one death last week, Mahaluxmi, Upper Colaba and the Fort districts. Fevers are not very much in evidence just now. During the past seven days there was a decrease of 18 deaths under this head. Small-pox and measles are normal, and the mortality from respiratory diseases is comparatively low. There were only two deaths amongst the Europeans last week, this being equivalent to a mille rate per annum of 8·47. The birth rate is very high as compared with past years, and there was an increase of 43 in the number of births recorded during the week as compared with the figure for the previous seven days.

THE CROP REPORTS. APPARENTLY during the past seven days, the situation in the Konkan and Deccan districts, where the locust plague has amounted almost to a disaster, has been slightly ameliorated. The insects still linger, but they appear to be more or less quiescent at the present time, and only slight damage is reported this week Good reports have been received from all the Sind districts. The crops are doing well. Harvesting is now completed, and the only evidence of the past season is the work which is proceeding on the threshing floors. Slight damage by blight is reported from two talukas of Thar and Parkar. But otherwise there seems to be nothing to mar a generally satisfactory situation. Everywhere cultivators are busily preparing the land for the reception of the next crop. Cotton picking is still occupying the attention of the growers of the Gujarat districts. The cotton crop has been damaged slightly by rats in parts of the Halol Letha of the Panch Mahals. The standing summer crops are in good condition, and where they have been harvested, the lands are again being got ready for the next crop. The irrigation of sugarcane is also going on. No mention is made of any damage to the growing grain crops, and it may be taken that they are in good condition throughout Gujarat. As we have pointed out, the Konkan districts have to some extent got rid of the locust pest. The insects are committing depredations upon the standing crops and to fruit and other trees in Ratnagiri, but in other districts the damage which is reported is only slight. In the Deccan the insects are still lingering. In Sholapur they appear to be doing serious damage still, but in other districts they are at present quiescent. The main feature of the present situation is the preparation of the lands for next season. In the Southern Mahratta Country the locust plague is unfortunately spreading, although up to now no very serious damage is reported. In all other districts the outlook is satisfactory. Everywhere there is an abundance of water and the supply of fodder is also adequate.

NEWS from Kabul states that the Amir has made a good recovery, though one joint of the third finger of the left hand had to be amputated. Major Bird will shortly be on his way back to India.

COLONEL WAHAB, British Commissioner on the Aden Hinterland Demarcation, may delay his departure on furlough for a short time in order to complete some urgent work now in hand.

WE understand that on Wednesday last the Tibetans occupied a temple from which they fired into Colonel Younghushand's camp at Gyan se. General Macdonald sent out a force in the night which, with a loss of only three wounded, turned them out inflicting a number of casualties upon the enemy. The building was then blown up.

MR. J. F. NORRIS, the retired Judge of the Calcutta High Court, whose death at Home is announced, was sometimes unconventional to a startling degree when on the Bench, and the following summing up to the Jury in a sessions case is, we think, a record for brevity:—"Gentlemen of the Jury,—The prisoner has nothing to say; I have nothing to say; I want to know what you have got to say?"

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# JAPANESE DISASTER.

## BATTLESHIP AND CRUISER SUNK.

# BATTLE AT KAIPING.

## HEAVY RUSSIAN LOSSES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, MAY 19.

A party of Russians landed at Chifu from Dalny report that the Japanese battleships Shikishima and Fuji sank off Port Arthur on the 16th instant.

The story is probably a bogus one.

LATER.

Admiral Togo reports that the Kassaga rammed the Cruiser Yoshino in a fog off Port Arthur on the 15th instant and that the latter sank in two minutes, only ninety of those on board being saved.

On the same day the battleship Hatsuse struck a Russian mine and sank.

Three hundred of those on board were saved.

A later despatch from Admiral Togo says that the Hatsuse was cruising off Port Arthur covering the landing of troops and struck a mine ten knots to the South East of the harbour. She signalled for help and instantly struck another mine and sank in half an hour.

It is explained at St. Petersburg that the Russian torpedo boats after the Petropavlovsk disaster imitated the Japanese and sowed mines on the Japanese cruising ground.

LONDON, MAY 20.

...ual complement of men on the Japanese ... Hatsuse was 741 and on the Yoshino 360

...s express sincere sympathy and deep ... at the sad loss the Japanese have sustained ... sinking of the Hatsuse and Yoshino.

... Hayashi, Consul for Japan yesterday receive... following telegram from his Government :—

Admiral Togo's report : While the third squadron were returning from Port Arthur in a deep fog the Yoshino was struck by the Kasuga off the Shantung Promontory on the 15th instant and sunk.

Ninety were saved.

On the same day, when cruising at about ten miles south-east from Liautishan with other vessels, the Hatsuse was struck by the enemy's mechanical mines and sunk.

Just then a flotilla of sixteen Russian torpedo boat destroyers approached, but were repulsed by our cruisers, which saved 300 of the Hatsuse's crew, including Admiral Nashiba and Captain Nakao.

LONDON, MAY 20.

Admiral Togo reports as a significant fact that sixteen Russian torpedo boat destroyers sallied out from Port Arthur directly after the Hatsuse disaster, but the Japanese cruisers drove them off.

Admiral Nashiba, who was on board the Hatsuse, was saved.

Altogether sixty seven officers and warrant officers perished in the loss of the two ships.

The retirement of the Japanese to Feng-wang-cheng remains unexplained.

A telegram from Niuchwang says it was due to a severe defeat.

This is not confirmed from Russian sources.

[The Yoshino, which has been accidentally rammed by the Kassuga was a protected Cruiser, built at Elswick in 1892. She had two screws, two funnels, and two pole masts with top low on each. She was 360 feet long, with a beam of 46 feet 6 inches and had a mean draught of 17 feet. Her displacement was 4180 tons and she had an indicated horse power of 10,320 natural and 15,750 forced draught. Her engines were by Humphreys and Tennant and were vertical triple expansion. Her protection consisted of steel deck 1·7 inch to 4·5 inches thick and a 4-inch protection for the conning tower. She was armed with four 6 inch quickfiring guns, one being on the forecastle, one on the poop and one in a sponson on each beam ; eight 4·7-inch quick-firers ; 22 three pounder quick firers and five torpedo tubes. Her complement numbered 360.

The Hatsuse which struck a mine was a first class battleship and was built at Eiswick in 1899. She had two screws, two hooded barbettes, three funnels fore and aft, and two military masts with one military top on each. She displaced 15,000 tons, and an I. H. P. 15,000 and was capable of making 18 knots an hour. Her armour was of Harveyed nickel steel and consisted of a complete belt 8 feet 9 inches deep and from 9 inches to 4 inches thick, a belt over the battery to the height of the maindeck 250 feet long and 6 inches thick ; bulkheads protected by armour fourteen inches thick ; casemates six inches ; barbettes (circular) 14 inches above upper deck and ten inches below it ; hood 10 inches in front and eight inches at sides, protected deck 2·1-4 to 4 inches thick, main deck one inch, conning tower fourteen inches, and signal tower four inches. Her guns were four 12-inch breech loader (40 cal.) Elswick 48 1-2 ton in two barbettes ; fourteen 6 inch quick firers (45 cal.) eight on main, and six on upper deck ; twenty 12 pounder quick, six 3 pounder quick ; six 2 1-2 pounder quick, and eight machine guns. She also had five 18-inch torpedo tubes, four being submerged and one above water in the stern. Her complement was 741 men.

The names Shikishima and Fuji in the Russian account are obviously mistakes.]

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, MAY 20.

The British warship Espiegle has left Wei-hai-wai for Niuchwang.

It is reported that the Japanese occupied Kaiping on the 16th inst.

The "Standard's" correspondent at Tientsin says the occupation was effected after an engagement in which two thousand Russians were killed and wounded.

Mr. S. Hayashi, Consul for Japan in Bombay, received the following telegram yesterday afternoon about 4 p.m. from the Japanese Government :—

The enemy which took part in the fight near Kinchow on the 16th instant consisted of the 5th, 14th, and 16th Sharpshooter Infantry Regiments with eight quick-firers, and they left thirty dead officers and men on the field.

According to the prisoners the enemy's casualties, are above three hundred.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, MAY 19.

Lord Lansdowne in the House of Lords said that Russia in reply to an enquiry states that the notification of the 11th instant declaring cotton to be contraband of war applies to low cotton only.

Telegrams dated Colombo, May 19. state:—News from Chefoo states that, in spite of the Japanese fleet, there is little doubt that large quantities of provisions are being shipped aboard junks to the Russians. Large consignments of flour and casks of wine are being landed at Chefoo, a good deal of which is transhipped at night into junks, leaving in the small hours of the morning and shaping their course through the Miastas islands to some rendezvous on the coast of the Lisotung peninsula.

Steamers are arriving from the south bound for Niuchwang, where large stocks of beancake are awaiting shipment. Apparently the danger of a Japanese invasion of that quarter is not so imminent as anticipated.

The Russian camp on South Liaoho is being visited by plague and owing to the inadequacy of medical officers and a shortage of medicines, deaths occur daily. Fearing an outbreak on a big scale especially during the coming summer, the Russian commander has ordered his men to have all the streets swept clean, to remove dirt and to kill all rats.

General Kuropatkin has arrived at Homutang to personally direct defensive operations in Manchuria.

Two transports, conveying a thousand invalids, have arrived at Chemulpo.

The Japanese are fortifying Chenampo, and conveing bridges, and also forty guns of the same pattern as those Captain Percy Scott took to Ladysmith. Owing to the small size of the ponies and inexpertness of the teamsters, enormous difficulties are being experienced.

### THE LOSSES AT THE YALU.

Mr. S. Hayashi, Consul for Japan in Bombay has received the following telegram :—

General Kuroki's report : The exact number of casualties in the battle of the Yalu are 218 Japanese killed, including five officers, and 783 wounded, ...luding 33 officers.

The Russian corpses buried by us are 1,363, and prisoners 613.

Our booty is twenty-one 3-inch quick-firing field guns, eight quick-firing machine guns, 1,021 rifles, 63 horses, and large quantities of ammunition, clothing, tents, etc : at Feng-huang-cheng also quantities of ammunition, clothing and provisions.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY]

## THE AUSTRIAN BUDGET.

### Increased Military Expenditure.

LONDON, MAY 19.

The Austro-Hungarian Minister of War explained to the Delegations that the exceptional expenditure mentioned in the Budget was in no wise connected with the political situation, but it was necessary to make up leeway as regards the re-arming of the Artillery and the equipment of vessels in accordance with modern developments and the science of war.

## INDIAN RAILWAY DEBENTURES.

### Issue of East Indian Stock.

The East India Railway has issued a million and a half sterling of three per cent debentures at 91.

## ITALY AND GERMANY.

### King Emmanuel to Visit the Kaiser.

LONDON, MAY, 20.

The "Berlin Post" says that King Emmanuel has accepted an invitation from the Kaiser William to visit him in August.

## OBITUARY.

The death is announced of Mr. Herbert Chamberlain, the younger brother of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain.

## THE MAILS.

The Bombay mails of the 7th instant, arrived at Brindisi on the 19th.

## GARDEN PARTY AT VICEREGAL LODGE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, MAY 19.

Lord and Lady Ampthill presided at their first big social function here to-day, when a general garden party was held in the grounds of the Viceregal Lodge, where their Excellencies received the whole of Simla. Frocks were smarter even than usual. Lady Ampthill's creation in brown velvet being amongst the most becoming. The pipers of the Black Watch played at intervals during the afternoon.

## A NEW POLICE DISTRICT.

The creation is notified of a new general police district under the jurisdiction of the Lieutenant Governor of the United Provinces to include the following Railways :—Bengal and North Western ; Oudh and Rohilkhand, Bareilly Rampur and Moradabad ; Rohilkhand Kumaon ; East Indian ; Indian Midland; Cawnpore Achnera; Delhi Umballa Kalka and the Kalka-Simla, so far as they are situated within the United Provinces, the Punjab, Central Provinces and the adjacent native states. The enrolment of a police force for this district is also ordered.

## TOWN TAX IN BERAR.

The Notification issued in 1899 authorising the levy of town fund tax in Berar is formally cancelled.

## "GAZETTE OF INDIA" NOTIFICATIONS.

SIMLA MAY. 20.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Colonel Coxhead is appointed Colonel on the staff R. A. Punjab vice Brigadier Purdy vacated.

Captains Jackson, Bruce and Labilliere are confirmed in the Military Accounts Department.

The following appointments upon the Viceroy's staff are gazetted :—Military Secretary, Major Campbell ; comptroller of the household, Major Strachey; A. D. C's. Major Poynter and Captain Popham ; extra A-D-C's Lieutenants Lambert and Vane ; Hon. A-D-C's Col. Mears, Hon. Col. Wynne, Lieut-Colonel Phipps, Lieut-Colonel Masson, Col. Good, Hon. Lieut-Colonel Holdsworth, Lieut-Colonel Kirwan, Commander Petley and Hon. Major Cuffe.

Native A-D-C's Risaldars Major Hukumsingh, Abdul Aziz and Wali Muhammad.

Hon. Surgeons:—Surgeons-General Franklin, Sinclair and Burnett, Colonels Browne and Bookey and Lieutenant-Colonels Perry and Henderson.

Brigadier-General Woon officiates in command of a second class Indian District vice Major-General Devereux granted leave.

Mr. E. Gregson is gazetted a second Lieutenant in the Indian Army reserve of officers.

Indian Army Captain G. A. Hawkins to be Major.

Lieut.-Colonel J. C. Fullerton I. M. S. and Hon. Captain W. A. Williamson, Assistant Surgeon, are permitted to retire with effect from the 25th proximo and the 11th September next respectively.

Second Lieut. G. E. Wannel is permitted to resign the service.

Lieutenant Price to be Captain, Northern Bengal Mounted Rifles.

Major Stanyot to be Commandant, Nagpur Volunteer Rifles.

Colonel Wynne to be Colonel of the 1st and 2nd Bengal Nagpur Railway Volunteers with Major Clark to Command the second Battalion.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. B. Bannerman, I. M. S. is reposted to Bombay.

Constantinople notifies forty-eight hours plague quarantine against Aden.

Mr. J. G. Hastings officiates in the Port Blair Commission vice Mr. Clarke on leave.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Mr. J. Scott, Registrar Foreign Department, is gazetted for six months leave, Mr. R. J. Sanderson officiating.

Lieutenant-Colonel C. G. Fagan is posted temporarily as Political Agent, Eastern Rajputana State.

Mr. H. V. Cobb officiates as Resident at Gwalior.

## THE TIBET EXPEDITION.

### A CRITICAL SITUATION.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MAY 20.

The "Englishman's" special correspondent wiring from Gyantse on the 14th instant states :—

This morning the Tibetans in the fort mounted, with great ceremony, a small canon throwing a ball weighing three and a half pounds. There was much shouting, blowing of trumpets, and beating of drums as soon as the first shot was fired, and numbers of the enemy jumped up on the walls shouting wildly. The maxim was turned on them and they quickly disappeared. The ball struck the hospital wall.

There was more firing than usual from the fort to-day turned on working parties strengthening the defences. More reinforcements were observed entering the fort.

There are some indications that the enemy contemplate cutting our communications in the rear. The parcel post has been looted this morning, and four Mounted Infantry carrying letters were fired on by mounted men.

The Politicals have received a report that the Tibetan army is being strengthened.

Captain Ottley, with the Mounted Infantry, reconnoitring to our left, found a monastery very strongly held. The enemy had prepared a regular position on the hillside. Captain Ottley estimates the numbers at several thousand. His small force met a regular blaze of fire but were fortunately able to retire without casualties.

Gyantse, May 18.—The two most unpleasant features of the present situation are that the Tashi Lama, who ranks practically equal to the Dalai Lama in power and influence, has presumably thrown in his lot against us, as the attack on the Mission shows

The enemy have now been shown to possess good rifles and long ranging jingals, and in all the fighting there is not a single instance of an arrow being used or a spear thrown. The enemy have confined themselves to musketry fire. Our few casualties are solely due to the manner in which the Indian Corps are trained to take cover.

The bombardment from the fort has hitherto proved more or less fruitless, because the garrison has been labouring strenuously for the past week erecting cover and traverses. Almost every tent has got a wall in front and every precaution has been taken against night attack, wire entanglements being erected outside the camp and the sentries doubled at night. A third of the garrison sleep at their posts. The garrison is too small to run the risk of taking the Tibetan position by assault, now the enemy have been shown to possess rifles. At the same time in spite of the continuous daily bombardment the garrison is in good spirits and health.

There is no danger of starvation owing to the excellent arrangements of the Supply and Transport Department, and besides the line of communication remains open.

The Tibetans have now mounted in the fort three big guns throwing three and a half pound balls. They were bringing a very large cannon from Lhassa, but were obliged to abandon it on the banks of the Brahmaputra river owing to the bridge being unable to bear its weight.

SIMLA, MAY 20.

It is reported that 1,000 Tibetans are on their way from Lhassa and also that a Tibetan force at Gyantse has been augmented by a large number of cavalry. The force dispersed at Karola are said to have scattered over the country.

## PROSPECTS OF INDIAN CROPS.

Some damage has been done in Upper India by the recent storms and the outturn of early rice now being reaped in Sylhet, Assam, is stated to have been damaged by floods, but to-day's crop telegrams show that with these exceptions the Indian agricultural outlook continues almost uniformly favourable. The influence of the present terrible plague mortality in Punjab is reflected in the remark in the report of the Director of Agriculture for this province to the effect that agricultural operations in Shahpur are being seriously interfered with by the epidemic.

## P. W. D. POSTINGS.

SIMLA, MAY 19.

Lieutenant E. N. Manley. R. E. Assistant Engineer is transferred to the Eastern Bengal State Railway.

Mr. J. R. Tickell is promoted to Superintending Engineer, 2nd class temporary rank.

Mr. E. R. Gardiner officiates as a Superintending Engineer, Bengal.

## MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

SIMLA, MAY 20.

Major MacMunn is transferred from the 73rd to the 18th Field Battery on promotion.

Lieutenants Adams and Phillips, Inspectors of Ordnance Machinery, are transferred to the home establishment and to Aden respectively.

Government have sanctioned the appointment of an Assistant Superintendent of the Army Clothing Department with pay of Rs. 700 rising to Rs. 900 monthly by annual increments of Rs. 40 with tenure for five years. Lieutenant Ashworth, 5th Dragoon Guards, is appointed to the post.

It is probable that two companies of Mounted Infantry and two Battalions native Infantry will be retained in Somaliland as a temporary measure.

Major Cole, 11th Lancers and Captain Henderson 30th Lancers, are appointed to the 26th Light Cavalry.

Captain Kirkwood, 75th Infantry, has been selected for appointment as an Officiating Cantonment Magistrate.

Major Pirie, 15th Lancers, is appointed to officiating command of the 18th Lancers.

Captain Fox, 1st Royal Irish Rifles, has been selected for an adjutancy in the 2nd Volunteers Battalion, Norfolk Regiment, and has been ordered home.

The following appointments have been approved:—

Major Aitken, 111th Infantry, to Commandant and Major Chitty to be 2nd in command, 119th Infantry. Major Ransom, 113th Infantry, to be 2nd in command 114th Mahrattas. Major Knatchball 122nd Infantry to be 2nd in command 120th Infantry.

Lieutenants Gatherer, 1st Norfolks, and Blair, 7th Rajputs, are transferred to the 10th and 2nd Gurkhas respectively.

The Government of India have sanctioned the formation of a standing camp again this summer at Ziarat for the benefit of British troops of the Quetta district.

The transport Assaye will not now call at Malta and Gibraltar on her way home. She reaches Southampton on 14th June.

Durban reports a case of plague.

"I HAVE excellent authority," the London correspondent of the Birmingham "Daily Post" writes, "for stating that correspondence which has been proceeding since the King's sojourn in Denmark points to the probability of negotiations of a most important character being undertaken shortly between Great Britain and Germany. The present visit to Berlin of Count Carl Metternich, the German Ambassador to the Court of St. James's, is, I can state, for diplomatic rather than recreative purposes."

THERE is excellent authority for stating that a special Siamese Mission is going to England shortly to discuss with the Foreign Secretary various questions arising out of the recently concluded Anglo-French Agreement. The Mission will, it is understood, subsequently go to Paris, where its members will be received by M. Delcasse, the French Foreign Minister, for a similar purpose. Meanwhile, it is of interest to know that, according to information which has been received from Bangkok, the Agreement has given great satisfaction in Siam.

## A SWINDLE ON A CIVILIAN'S MONEY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MAY 28.

At the Calcutta Police Court to-day, William Smalley alias William Williams, alias H. C. Craster was charged at the instance of the Crown in respect of Rs. 45,000. The accused put in a written confession charging Ernest Hardwicke Cowie, a partner of the firm of Messrs. Sanderson and Company, Government Solicitors, with aiding and abetting him in the commission of crime. The facts of the case are that H. Craster, a retired Indian Civil Servant, died in England, leaving property in the hands of D. L. Cowie and Co., merchants of Calcutta who were his bankers. Before his death Craster made a will in which no mention was made of the property in India which was valued at Rs. 1,20,000. Smalley happened to know something of the money deposited with Cowie and Co. With the connivance of Ernest Cowie, he proceeded to England in order to obtain the money. On his arrival in England he assumed the name of Craster and wrote to Sanderson and Co. for the trust money sending forged documents in support of his claim. The letter fell into the hands of Cowie who by using false documents obtained letters of administration from the Calcutta High Court, received the money from Cowie and Co. and paid Rs, 45,000 to Smalley who went to Bombay to receive it. He pocketed the balance of Rs. 81,000 and absconded on learning that the fraud had been discovered. A warrant has been issued for Cowie's arrest. Smalley was arrested in Mussoorie and the case against him has been adjourned.

## CRICKET IN SIMLA.

SIMLA, MAY 20.

The following are the scores in the match of the Simla Cricket Club versus the Black Watch which has been going on at Annandale yesterday and to-day. In the first innings the Black Watch made 135 runs and the Simla C. C. 134 ; in the second innings the Black Watch made 162 and the Simla C. C. 136 runs for nine wickets.

## PLAGUE IN INDIA.

A substantial drop of 4,000 took place in the number of plague deaths in the Punjab last week but this unhappy province still returns 30,000 as its quota to the mortality list of the past seven days. The Shahpur district, where several of the European officials have been attacked, returns 3,684 deaths and the Gurdaspur district, 4,717 in the same period. The whole of the rest of India had less than 5,000 plague deaths.

## POSTAL SAVINGS BANK.

### LIMIT RAISED TO RS. 5,000.

SIMLA, MAY 20.

New rules are notified for raising the amount that may be invested through the Post Office Savings Bank to five thousand rupees and providing that no fees, commission, brokerage or income-tax shall be levied on such investments. The object of the change being to render the Savings Banks more generally popular.

## NEW RAILWAY PROJECTS SANCTIONED.

It is notified that the Secretary of State has sanctioned estimates of twenty six lakhs of rupees for the construction of a broad gauge railway from Khurja, E. I. Railway, to Hapur on the Oudh and Rohilkhand Railway, also of twenty two lakhs of rupees for the Nowshera Dargai Railway.

## PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL

THE following passengers proceed to-day, by the P. and O. Co's steamer Oriental, for Marseilles, and London :—

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| Mr and Mrs E T Huddleston | Capt H Elliot |
| Capt J B Rutherford | Mr P T H Roper |
| Mrs Wood Hill and child | Mr Touch |
| Mr A R Bromhill | Mr A Walker |
| Capt W B Henrick | Mr S Cowasjee Dinshaw |
| Mr G H Bathwayt | Mr Arundell Wright |
| Mrs McDonald, and two Misses McDonald | Mr W S Adie |
| Mr Dorabjee Dinshaw | Mr W C Gilhooly |
| Mr J Roskilly | Mr A Livingstone |
| Mr Husen | Mrs Dinshaw Dorabjee and child. |
| Miss A Mackay | Mr and Mrs Wahedally and children |
| Mr Caldecourt | Mr Trivedi |
| Master Caldecourt | |
| Mr and Mrs G A Bayley | |

## PASSENGERS PER S. S. TRIESTE.

The following is the list of passengers proceeding to Trieste and Venice per Austrian Lloyd's s. s. Trieste to-day from the Victoria Dock, Berth No. 8. The medical inspection of the saloon passengers will take place at the Victoria Dock, Berth No. 8 to-day at 12-30 p. m. Deck passengers should be at the new disinfecting station with all their luggage and kit at 8-30 a. m. sharp. :—

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| Mr and Mrs A C Arghyropoulo | Mr and Mrs Mcafee |
| Revd Father and Mrs W W Baillie | Mr McLee |
| Miss D de B Dobson | Mr S Oboussier |
| Revd Father F Dunn | Mr R Piep |
| Dr and Mrs Gunther and infant | Miss L Raymond |
| Mr R S Gubbay | Capt N J Reidel |
| Mr J Hoffmann | Mr and Mrs O F S Schultz and child |
| Revd Father Haidegger | Revd Father Robert Seddon |
| Mr Holleday | Mr and Mrs Staeger |
| Revd K Kloss | Mr A Stricken |
| Mr and Mrs W Knowles child and infant | Mr Harry Tessmann |
| Mrs Hamilton King and daughter | Revd Father J di Van der Westaleaken |
| Miss King | Mr M Vrionis |
| | Mr N Weberny |
| | Mr Alex Mygornitzky |

FROM KARACHI.

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| Mr A Svill | Lt P A R Pritchard |
| Miss Isaacson | Dr R N Roberts |
| Mr S Jacob | Mr and Mrs B Van der Straton |
| Miss Jacob | Capt C C Tanner |
| Mr N N Nicholas | |

A PERPLEXED correspondent, who has been confused by historical references evoked by the Russo-Japanese war, is anxious to know when the Tartars invaded Japan. Toward, the end of the thirteenth century, about the year 1272, Kublai Khan actually invaded the Empire, but was utterly repulsed. This invasion was what might be described as a backwash of the great tide of conquest of the famous Zenghis Khan, who starting from Mongolia, conquered Siberia, Central Asia, India, Persia, Arabia, and Asia Minor. He devastated Russia, capturing Moscow and Kief, and penetrated into Poland and Hungary, defeating the Germans in a great battle in 1241. He afterwards turned his attention eastward, and overran China and Corea. In 1268 the Japanese Emperor received a haughty message from the Khan, in the course of which, he said : "The world is thus now in communication with its different parts, but your country alone has not yet communicated with us. The 'saint' makes the world his house. The matter will be satisfactorily settled should you voluntarily avow this world-wide friendship, but if not our army will appear before you. The Emperor of Japan ought to answer after deliberate consideration." Not unnaturally, the receipt of this message caused deep anxiety in the Imperial Court, and not a few religious ceremonies were ordered for the suppression of the enemy and settling down of the national difficulties." Three years later, in 1271, a special envoy arrived from Mongolia, when Japan's means of defence had been largely completed. The following year, as above described, the actual invasion took place.

A YOUNG man named Kornfeld has been tried in Vienna for obtaining money on false pretences at the instance of a 25-year-old widow named Schemie. The widow had taken Kornfeld as a husband on trial for eight days, the consideration being £1. He had, however, not kept to the terms of the bargain and had deserted. Kornfeld told the Judge that he had been driven by his poverty to marry the woman, if she wished after the week's trial but he had found her so ugly that he would rather starve. He was acquitted.

## WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

### A Unique Display of Costumes.

### THE NEW WOMAN IN GERMANY.

### WOMEN JOURNALISTS.

LONDON, APRIL 29.

"LUCILE, Limited, requests the pleasure of the attendance of Lord and Lady Binks at a private view of costume suggestions on Thursday, April 28 from half-past three to five o'clock." Such was the invitation that awaited husbands with well-dressed wives and bank balances appropriate to the same on Tuesday morning last. Mme. Lucile, who hides her identity under that seductive nom de costume, has established a reputation in the world of frocks and frills. She belongs to that small and flourishing community who "form the taste and mould the waist" of the people you read about in social columns. The ladies swear by her ; though what the husbands say when they get the bills is another story. It being an age of advertisement Lucile, Limited decided to keep abreast with the period. Therefore this private view ; therefore also the very remarkable nature of the programme well calculated to draw Lord Binks as well as Lady Binks and the children. Of the suggestions fifteen in number, "being studies in the expression of personality in curves and colours," two examples may be extracted :—Suggestion 6:—Afternoon Calls. —(a) Penseroso, (b) Thoughts of Strange Things, (c) The Excuse, (d) A daydream, (e) Pamela, (f) Lingering Memories (g) Still Waters run deep.—Suggestion 11 The Cult of Chiffon :—(a) The Dirge O'er the Death of Pleasure, (b) The fire motif, (c) The Meaning of Life is Clear, (d) Moss and Starlight, (e) incessant Soft Desire, (f) A Frenzied Song of Amorous Things, (g) A Summer Night thus & Thousand Powers, (h) Clarimonde the Vampire.

The titles may have verged upon eccentricity ; but though the programme might have been of the nature that is placed beneath the sofa cushions when the children come downstairs, the performance was extremely decorous and a thing of great artistic beauty. It was, indeed, art wedded to frocks and frills. The blending of colours would have charmed the painter's eye. Even a mere male could see that the costumes in which the graceful models paraded were the result of the most careful study combined with natural affection for the harmonious and beautiful in their designers. We were gathered, some two hundred of us, in an oblong white saloon at the further end of which a stage had been erected, draped with green curtains. From an outer room a band discoursed the sort of chiffon music suitable to the occasion. The ladies whispered over the programmes, criticised each other's clothes, and attempted to dodge each others hats for a view of the stage. The excitement was subdued, but of feminine intensity. Up when the curtain for the first suggestion ! One by one the models appeared, through the folds of a second curtain, walked round the stage, descended the steps, and paraded the central aisle left vacant for them. Even now one is not quite certain if these models were alive or so many automatons of superior workmanship. They were so utterly detached from their surroundings ; they were so unconscious of the concentrated gaze of the visitors while about their walk one could trace nothing that was quite human. It had a grace of its own, a slow, swinging, stately stride, but the result was surprising. The costumes were a return, a reminiscence. You will see similar designs in old prints of the days when Queen Victoria married Prince Albert. The little capes fastened into the belts, the evening bodices falling off the shoulders in a scarey fashion, the long parasols for the park, the full skirts, barbingers of the crinoline—they are all of the times of our grandmamas. Yet it is a pleasing fashion, a hundred times more picturesque than anything we have seen in later years. A pretty woman will look well in anything. But there is something unusually piquant in these memories of a more stately day. Costume after costume of soft colours in mauve and grey and green and blue —they came and went in a rainbow procession, while all the world wondered. Tea in the room of "roses and reveries" could not fail to be attractive; and the husbands left looking apprehensively at their wives and praying in earnest silence for a boom on the Stock Exchange. For art to-day is an expensive gratification, and the temptations so artfully displayed must have made all the women present break the last commandment with a startling unanimity.

Germany is the last country to be affected by the problem of feminism. For generations the women of the Fatherland have kept to their traditions, and believed that their duties in life were exclusively confined to their households; and hitherto they have demanded no change either in education, or as regards their exclusion from all public concerns, with the result that their fame as haus fraus pure and simple has been world-wide. But the modern craze for emancipation among women has at length touched them and is beginning to show its effects. Already the German ladies are alive to the fact that they occupy a position different from the woman of England and America, and even of France, and they are showing signs that they would fain win a superiority to the position assigned them hitherto, Pioneers have sprung up who are influencing their sisters to claim increased powers to compete with men in earning their own living. Many disciples are pressing into all branches of industry and trade; and where ten years ago the employment of women in shops and offices would have been regarded as great a scandal as it was in England during the Exhibition of 1851, there is a growing army of women workers in Berlin, Hamburg, Munich and Dresden to-day. The most interesting feature of the movement is that it is divided into two distinct sections, the vigorous and widely known Socialistic section confined chiefly to working women whose leaders are hand in hand with the leaders of the Social Democratic party and the middle-class movement, which confines itself mainly to educational influences, by which its exponents hope to arrive at the desired goal of emancipation,

A widely-read paper devoted to women's interests contained a curiously mistaken statement the other day, describing the late Miss Frances Power Cobbe as the pioneer of woman journalists. The writer said : "So far as we remember, no women wrote for the newspaper press until the time of Miss Cobbe." Such a slip only shows that the woman journalist is now so completely associated in the popular mind with the new woman movement that few people realise she is of more ancient origin, and that she was flourishing and doing excellent work at the beginning of the eighteenth century, when, according to Lady Crewe, she earned the name of "blue-stocking" for herself by wearing hose of a cerulean tint to distinguish her from her less learned sisters. The Hope and the Burney catalogues show that one hundred years ago there were many women journalists and essayists whose names have now disappeared from memory along with their works and the quaint titles of the publications for which they wrote. But of these early pioneers still stand out the names of Mrs. Frances Brooke, who was born in 1724, and not only wrote for the papers of her day but, in 1755, started a weekly paper of her own, entitled "The Old Maid," for which Lord Chesterton wrote ; and the well-known Hon. Mrs. Norton, as famous for her beauty as for her writing, who lives again to-day as the original of "Diana of the Crossways." Even before her time was Mrs. Macaulay who wrote political articles for the edification of the readers of the Press, and Mrs. Eliza Haywood who got into sad trouble over the scandal she recorded but who, nevertheless, was as indefatigable a worker as any woman journalist who hammers a typewriter to-day. Hannah More, though hardly a journalist, still used her pen in writing political pamphlets as well as historical tragedies, and undoubtedly played her part with the other pioneers belonging to the early days of the eighteenth century who did so much in opening up "the delightful profession" of journalism now enjoyed by so many women.

Like her sister, the Duchess of Norfolk, the Hon. Angela Constable-Maxwell, who was married on Tuesday, at Everingham, to the Hon. Frict Drummond, strongly inclines towards the picturesque in matters of dress. The quaint picture frocks worn by her bridesmaids, and already described at some length in these columns, were proof sufficient of her taste in that direction. A few of the becoming gowns which were included in Miss Constable Maxwell's trousseau are well worth describing. Fine embroideries worked by hand were seen to great advantage on some of these gowns, notably in the case of an afternoon toilette of old-rose summer cloth, the bodice of which was adorned with hands embroideries in shades of damask rose and palest pink. Another dress of sapphire blue eolienne is also embroidered by hand and trimmed with Alecon lace, while yet another gown for afternoon wear is of resada crepe demchine, with a pretty bodice specially arranged for wearing with a pelerine of very fine limerick lace. An evening frock of pale blue Louisine silk is artistically arranged with roses in the palest shade of pink ; while another very useful evening gown in black taffetas glace is carried out in a most picturesque fashion with a large cape-collar of white "mousseline de soie," bordered with very valuable old lace. One of the tea-gowns in this trousseau had a long coat of green shot taffetas glace silk to be worn over a complete under-dress of Indian embroidery, worked in very delicate colourings on a ground of ivory-white. Another tea-gown is composed entirely of beautiful old lace over chiffon. All these trousseau gowns were designed and made for Miss Constable-Maxwell by Mrs. Clapham, of Kingston-square, Hull, who also supplied the picture frocks worn by the bridesmaids.

Ever since the fascinations of bridge took society by storm and the great game attained such extraordinary vogue, we have heard rumours of how the vice of gambling is spreading among women. Already the game has had its influence upon the second-hand jewellery trade, and gossip has been busy hinting at scandals connected with cheating at the too-engrossing cards. This, however, is not the first time in the history of England that women have been touched with the gambling fever, and common as bridge is to-day it can hardly compete in popularity with the artful, cheating game of Quadrille, which exercised such a fascination over women a century ago. It is also doubtful if the pessimists who study the gambling spirit of the present day, and contend that at no period have so many women made cards the engrossing study of their life, could find a parallel to the story told in Goldsmith's "Citizen of the World" of the old lady who, when dying, passed the time by playing cards with the curate, and, having won all his money, suggested paying for her funeral expenses. Her proposal was accepted, only unfortunately the lady expired just as she had taken her deal.

## THE AFGHAN MEMORIAL CHURCH.

### DEDICATION OF THE NEW BELLS.

The new peal of eight bells, which has been presented to the Afghan Memorial Church by the generosity of Sir Charles Cayzer, M.P., a former resident of Colaba, was dedicated on Thursday evening. It is a fine peal, made by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough ; the only one, we believe, in a Church in the Presidency, except a small one, of four bells, at Mount Abu. The service was dignified and beautiful. It was greatly assisted by a part of the Band of the Cheshire Regt., who accompanied the Anthems and hymns. The instruments were very judiciously chosen and conducted by the Bandmaster, Mr. Birkby. The Anthem was Barnby's "O Lord, how manifold are Thy works." A small part was taken as a solo by master Dan Leggatt, who sang it well, in a sweet, true voice. The processional hymn was "Onward, Christian soldiers," the recessional, No. 601. There were special Prayers, Psalms and Lessons. The Chaplain conducted the service and gave a short Address as his text the words "Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is king", which are inscribed on one of the bells. The offerings were given to the organ fund. It does seem a pity that so beautiful a Church, associated as it is with those who fell in the Afghan wars, the first religious building seen by those who enter the harbour, should be without an organ. Perhaps some one, who has the power, may be moved to follow the example of the giver of the bells. The whole cost of a good pipe-organ is heavy ; but it is not outside the limits of possibility that some one may provide a handsome case, suitable to the fine proportions of the buildings.

## NOTES FROM GOA.

THE Irrigation Department, recently established and which is under the direction of General Costa Branco, who came out from Portugal a few months ago, is hard at work, writes our Panjim correspondent, and it is generally expected that when the proposed irrigational works are carried out, the production of rice will be almost doubled, thus rendering us less dependent on supplies of this principal article of food from foreign markets. His Excellency the Governor General takes great interest in agricultural and industrial schemes, and is determined to do his level best for the welfare of the inhabitants of Portuguese India.

A pretty, bright wedding was celebrated on the 14th instant at the Church of Loutolim, which was most artistically decorated for the occasion. The marriage was between Senhor Amancio Gracias, Revenue Commissioner and Miss Graziella Gracias, daughter of Senhor Ismael Gracias, assistant Secretary to Government. The bride was handsomely dressed and carried a beautiful bouquet of choicest flowers. She entered the church leaning on the arm of her father, followed by a large number of ladies and gentlemen. The ceremony was performed by the uncle of the bridegroom, Father Gracias, Vicar of the Parish Church of Batelbatim, who delivered an excellent exhoration. After Mass the bride and bridegroom proceeded to the vestry to sign the marriage registry, while the orchestra played the Wedding March. For the first time, the gold pen presented to Mr. Amancio Gracias by his friends and admirers on his leaving Lourenzo Marques to take charge of his present post in the Revenue Department was made use of in signing the Registry. After the wedding, the guests proceeded to the picturesque bungalow of Senhor Ismael Gracias, where cake and wine were served and the usual toasts enthusiastically proposed and drunk, after which the couple left for the Hills amidst a shower of rice and flowers.

The weather is intensely hot and it looks as though we shall have early monsoon, already we have had a few smart showers of rain with thunder and lightning, which has had the effect of driving away the locusts.

Considerable activity is noticeable on the Marmagao Railway and several waggons with coals and petroleum are daily proceeding towards Castle Rock and the Southern Mahratta districts where these two articles are largely consumed.

## GOLDSMITH AND THE PEARLS.

### STRANGE MULTIPLICATION.

MR. GOPAL SHRIPAD BINIWALE, a well-to-do inhabitant of Poona having his residence in Shanwar Peth, recently engaged the services of a goldsmith of Shalukar's lane by name Kesheo Sakharam Sonar to set a number of pearls in his wife's ornaments. The goldsmith worked on Tuesday and went home in the evening promising his job the next morning. In the afternoon Biniwale counted 46 small pea-sized pearls and gave them to the artisan. A minute after Moro Shastri who daily reads puran or Hindu scriptures at Biniwala's and who was present when the pearls were handed over to the goldsmith, interfered saying leave aside these worldly things for an hour and pay your attention to the puran. And it was decided to have the puran first and the pearl-setting afterwards. Biniwale therefore requested the Shastriba to take back the pearls from the goldsmith. He did so, and to his astonishment discovered that he had got back from the goldsmith 47 pearls instead of 46. He quietly informed Biniwale of this and the latter sent for the merchants from whom he had purchased the pearls. In the meantime Kesheo Sonar, the goldsmith contrived through an accomplice or assistant of his to drop a few small pearls in the spot he occupied when working at Biniwalas. Thus Biniwala was able to lay his hands on three small pearls, which adding to the 47 he had made a total of 50 or four more than the original 46. When Maganshet the pearl merchant arrived he picked out 9 or 10 pearls which were considerably smaller than the 46 and which he said were not those he sold to Biniwale. A complaint was then made to the Police who searched the gold smith's house, the search revealing among other things more than 200 pearls of various sizes and a curious instrument,

## NEW ETHICS OF NOISE.

### "G. B. S." ON THE SOUNDS OF LONDON'S STREETS.

Mr. GEORGE BERNARD SHAW, whose play "Candida" was produced the other day at the Court Theatre, has unbosomed his soul of his views on the ethics of noise. Some days ago Mr. Max Pemberton voiced his views on this subject in the "Express." Both Mr. Shaw and Mr. Pemberton agree in stating that London noises are passing the bounds of tolerance.

Mr. Shaw of Adelphi-terrace, however, does not see eye to eye with the novelist of Fitzjohn's-avenue in all the details of the grievance.

"For instance," said Mr. Shaw, after carefully closing his window to shut out the cattle of a train crossing Charing Cross Bridge "I cannot agree that the piano nuisance is diminishing.

"On the contrary, I think that the piano used as an implement for making noise rather than music is much on the increase.

"What is wanted to minimise its terrors is an arrangement of the microphone description, which would enable the player to bang and smash as much as he pleased, but would only permit of his hearing what he created if he fixed a pair of carpieces at the end of rubber tubes to his head.

"Spare tubes should be provided for any one else in the room who also cared to listen, though I do not think this would be really necessary, as no one in these days ever wants to listen to piano-playing.

PRAISE FOR THE CAT.

"On the other hand, I agree with Mr. Max Pemberton that there is a certain amount of satisfaction to be gained by listening to the music of the midnight cat.

"Personally, I never knew a prima donna who could throw as much passion or pathos into a top note as the lovelorn feline can.

"Then," continued Mr. Shaw, "there is the donkey's bray. Nothing could really be more melodious than that if one has studied music.

"Still, of course, it is a matter of opinion. Some people think the harmonies of Strauss are jarring hideous, and beastly, whereas I consider that the harmonies of Strauss and patieu ass are alike beautiful.

"The noises which I most object to," continued Mr. Shaw reflectively, "are what might be called 'state-aided noises.'

"The imperial idea seems to beget drums and trumpets.

"This street is commonly supposed to be one of the quietest in London, and yet at night there are imperial sounds which come from a source I have never been able to discover.

"First, there is the sound of a brass band—a Volunteer band, I should say—playing martial airs. That is followed by the silence of the night being painfully riddled to death by endless rifle shots presumably fired down a Morris tube.

A QUAINT DIGRESSION.

"The growth of the science of killing will probably put an end to this nuisance.

"Smokeless powder has left soldiers nothing to fire at but the bang. The bang will probably soon be abolished and slaughter will be accomplished in comparative decency and quiet.

"Incidentally, that should do away with the horrible immorality of warfare, in which the just and the unjust, the bright young officer and the nincompoop are alike slain.

"However, to get back to noises. Take the case of the church bell. The bell itself is not at fault, it is the stupidity of the people who hang it so near the ground. The bells in the tower of Utrecht—one of immense height—are quite as noisy as any in London, but the sound has to float down so far that it is really quite soothing by the time it reaches the ear.

"Here I might point out," continued the sage of Adelphi-terrace, "that our standard of height is a very low one. For instance we build the parapets so low on our public monuments that we have to put railings on the top to defeat the suicidal tendencies that are inherent in every human breast.

"Nobody looking down, say, from the top of the Duke of York's monument, can fail to experience a temptation to execute a really jolly smash on the pavement below.

"If we increased the heights of such monuments the mere elevation would lift one above thoughts of self-destruction."

SUICIDE OF A GENIUS.

How then, interrupted his interviewer, do you account for the recent suicide of a man who jumped from the twenty-third storey of a New York sky-scraper?

An I replied Mr. Shaw, that man was probably a genius, and you cannot legislate for geniuses. Or, may be, he tried to escape from the noises of New York, and finding that they reached him even on the twenty-third floor took his life in despair.

You see, the evil of noise is becoming deadly. The tendency of civilisation up to the present seems to be to increase noises of every description. And this will probably go on till things become unbearable.

As a man with shattered nerves I should rejoice in the abolition of London's noises, and therefore, it makes me angry to see the futile efforts that are made in this direction.

We clothe the motor-car in rubber tyres, but allow it to snort and hoot and rattle. We leave the unnecessary noises full scope, and try to suppress the only legitimate noises there are—I mean the cries of people who have things to sell.

Surely it is better to go quietly on with one's work till one hears the ring of the bell of the muffin man and then rush out, rather than stand for an hour plate in hand on the doorstep in a state of anxious fear lest one shall miss the muffin man altogether.

THE CHURCH BELL.

Sir William Treloar, on this subject of London noises, animadverts against the clang of the church bell, which, unlike the cat, is neither harmless nor necessary.

"In the suburbs of London this is a most trying noise—at any rate, it is in the suburb where I live—Upper Norwood," said Sir William.

"I have suffered from it the more lately because I have been ill, and to be there confined to the house unable to get away from that aching clang, clang clang has been nothing short of torture.

"I admit that to hear the sound of a peal of bells come softened by distance across two or three meadows from some distant country church is a pleasant thing, but the hopeless clang of a single bell from some church close by in what ought to be a peaceful London suburb on what ought to be the most peaceful day of the week is a fearful thing.

"Now, why should there be such a thing as a church bell? I really do not see the need for it. I can understand a man who is opening, say a butcher's shop in a quiet neighbourhood having a bell or a band playing or anything else to let people know he is there, but I do not see the necessity for any noise to be sent out from the tower of a church that is known to be where it is and which in many cases has stood in that same place for centuries.

## BOUNDARY DELIMITATION IN EAST AFRICA.

### SOME SURPRISES.

One of the most important results of the boundary delimitation which has been in progress in East Africa for the past eighteen months along the Anglo-German-Congo frontiers to the west of the Victoria Nyanza is the discovery that the whole of the Albert Edward Nyanza belongs to the Congo Free State. This is due to the fact that the boundary between Uganda Protectorate and the Congo Free State is now proved to be considerably to the eastward of its supposed position, by this inaccuracy infringing upon Great Britain loses an important strip of territory including a country with valuable salt deposits at the north end of Albert Edward Lake. The Anglo-German Commissioners who were to fix the boundary running westward from the Victoria Nyanza along the 1.30 degree of south latitude as far as the Congo Free State frontier left the lake as long ago as December, 1902, but it was only in March last that it was announced that this part of the work had been practically completed and that a new Commissioner had been despatched from England to survey the Anglo-German boundaries on the eastern side of Lake Victoria. It is understood that the most important change in the Anglo-German boundary line in this part, which has now been settled, that the "mouth" of the Kagera river—the chief westerly running into the lake from the west—is in British territory, and also that the considerable bend of the river further west, formerly supposed to be in German territory, is also British. It is claimed by some that the Kagera is the natural source of the Nile.

The longest portion of the route followed by the Commissioners was practically unexplored and it was known that hostile tribes would be met with the Commission had an escort of 100 Soudanese troops with a Maxim, under Captains Laughlin and Hirman. Fortunately there was no difficulty with the natives. The most interesting tribe met with was the Wakima, many of whom had fair complexions with clear cut features, and more resembled the natives of North eastern Africa than the other tribes of Central Africa. The last part of the route covered by the Commissioners was over very mountainous and difficult country, with plenty of water but no wood. It was fairly well populated and very fertile with a healthy climate. The altitude varied from 4,000 to 6,000ft. One casualty was unfortunately sustained by the British Commission—the drowning in the Kagera river of Mr. Doggett, the naturalist.

## EDUCATING THE GERMAN YOUTH.

### SEVENTEEN A NEW AGE-LIMIT.

The "Chronicle's" correspondent says the interest... the City Fathers of Berlin are about to take a new and important step in educational legislation by the introduction of compulsory continuation schools for boys who are obliged to go to work before proceeding to the highest class of the city communal schools.

The measure, which will be confined to Berlin, will oblige those boys to attend the continuation schools until they complete their seventeenth year. Only those will be exempt who leave school to attend technical classes or trade schools and parents or guardians will not be allowed to retain their sons at home.

The new continuation classes will be held in the ordinary communal schools, and the instruction will extend to four hours weekly, and will be wholly free of every charge. Berlin will be divided into four districts each under the supervision of an Inspector. Provision will be made for 30,000 boys, and it is expected that the annual extra outlay for the classes will exceed £80,000.

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## DID SHAKESPEARE WRITE THE PSALMS?

### SIR E. CLARKE PROPOUNDS A NEW CRYPTOGRAM.

Sir Edward Clarke, K. C. presiding on April 23rd at the Savage Club "house" dinner, said he wished to recall to their minds that it was a great anniversary. It was St. George's Day, and, moreover, St. William's Day. (Hear, hear.) He wished he could make a speech worthy of the name of Shakespeare, but that no man could do. It was 340 years since Shakespeare was born. For a time the power of his great productions was not understood by the people of our country. There were probably traditions in literature which had to be forgotten and overlived before the English-speaking race could understand the majesty and dignity of Shakespeare as we understood it to-day. (Hear, hear.)

Shakespeare was the master of our time. He had inspired and guided literature, and given to us a language and a habit of speech which was far more dignified than it ever would have been had Shakespeare never lived. Of Shakespeare's life we knew little, but that little we knew well. Shakespeare was most fortunate in that he had no contemporary biographer. (Laughter.) He (Sir Edward) never sighed over Carlyle without thinking how fortunate Shakespeare was. (Laughter.)

In recent time there had been invented the hypothesis which ignored the existence of Shakespeare altogether. One authority would have Englishmen believe that one illustrious but crafty and tricky lawyer—(laughter)—had used the innocent and country youth from Warwickshire and had made him the pretended writer of the great plays of Shakespeare. However in the world the people who had accepted that suggestion had persuaded themselves to imagine a far greater miracle than the writing by Shakespeare of the plays he could not understand. (Laughter and hear hear.) That Shakespeare should have written the plays and given to the world such an ornament of literature was difficult to understand, but not impossible. But that this crafty and distinguished lawyer should have happened upon a man, who not only was content to be an instrument of giving to the world such famous productions, which were absolutely unlike anything that the lawyer himself ever wrote, but that he not only should have had the good fortune to find somebody who was content to do this for him and to finds man who was so brilliant that all his contemporaries rejoiced with him, and never found out the fraud he (Sir Edward) could not understand. (Renewed laughter.)

He believed that Mrs. Gallup had proved that the writings were those of Bacon by cryptograms. He was a firm believer in the concealment of names. Whatever the truth with regard to Shakespeare and Bacon might be, no doubt they all knew that Shakespeare was the author of the Prayer Book version of the Psalms.

It could be proved more conclusively than anything else with regard to the Bacon and Shakespeare controversy. In the name of Shakespeare, properly spelled, there were four vowels and six consonants. If the Savages took that well-thumbed copy of the Prayer-book which accompanied them each Sunday morning afternoon and evening to their accustomed devotions —(laughter)—and looked at the 46th Psalm they would find that the forty-sixth word from the beginning of the psalm was "Shake," and that the forty-sixth word from the end of the psalm was "spear." It was impossible to have more conclusive proof. (Loud laughter) It was an accurate and irrefutable fact from the conclusions he had drawn Shakespeare was the author of the Prayer-book version of the Psalms. Personally he did not think Mrs. Gallup would make much headway.

## THE TEACHING OF ACTING.

### STARTING THE DRAMATIC ACADEMY.

His Majesty's Theatre was very well filled with an audience which showed close interest in Mr. Tree's scheme of a School of Dramatic Art, writes the "Westminster Gazette". The school itself, as Mr. Tree confessed in the course of his speech, had commenced its work earlier in the day, somewhere in the great space behind the stage. Mr. Tree was accompanied on the platform by a great number of actors and actresses who are giving their goodwill to the project. There was Sir Squire Bancroft, tall and white-haired, recalling the memory of a dramatic period which has scarcely yet passed; there was Mr. John Hare, who is only a stage generation later; and then, among younger players, Mr. Arthur Bourchier, Mr. Fred Kerr, Mr. Cyril Maude, Mr. H. B. Irving, Miss Lena Ashwell, Miss Irene Vanbrugh, and Miss Rosina Filippi, who has on her own account made some attempt at dramatic tuition. Mr. Anthony Hope Hawkins represented the playwrights, whilst Mr. Comyns Carr stood for drama in all its branches.

Mr. Beerbohm Tree made a speech of considerable length in explaining the objects with which he is establishing the dramatic academy. He admitted that acting is originally a matter of genius, but he contended that even genius required direction and schooling. He read a number of letters and telegrams from prominent actors and actresses who were unable to be present, including Miss Ellen Terry, who said that those who can act can and must be taught. Mr. Wilson Barrett seemed doubtful whether the academy will not swell an already overcrowded profession; but he offered to pay the fees of three students if these are of the class who require help.

Mr. Tree gave some sketch of the different departments of the academy, in which elocution, fencing, deportment, dancing, and pantomime will all be looked after by skilled teachers. Especially did he dwell upon the importance of pantomime, illustrating his text by reference to Middie Jane May. The work of the academy is to be thoroughly practical, with frequent rehearsing of entire plays, the students changing parts from time to time. Lectures will be given, there will be three terms in the year, and one public performance every twelve months. Certificates will be given to successful students, and endeavours will be made to dissuade those who are not fit for the profession from going on. Mr. Tree was able to announce that Sir Squire and Lady Bancroft have already promised a valuable prize, while Miss Elinaline Terriss has offered a scholarship of £10 10s. a year for five years. Mr. Tree expressed his hope that a charter may be obtained, and that the school will thus become a national institution.

Mr. John Hare indicated his hope that some day a state theatre may be created, to which a Conservatoire may be attached; and Mr. Comyns Carr, in a brilliant speech, cheerfully mocked Mr. Tree for his love of pantomime. Sir Squire Bancroft added a few words; and with the expressed hope from Mr. Tree that the academy will soon be on a sound financial basis the meeting came to an end.

## BOOMING THE BOW.

### EFFORT TO MAKE ARCHERY MORE POPULAR WITH LADIES.

The archery season has begun and the next few months will probably see a large increase in the number of female toxophilists.

Several enthusiastic ladies are making a strenuous effort to popularise the bow and arrow and a number of new archery clubs for women are under consideration.

One of the most prominent persons in this movement is Mrs. Denny Cooke the secretary of the Royal Richmond a ladies' club which has its headquarters in the old Deer Park.

"One reason," said Mrs. Cooke yesterday, "why more people do not go in for archery is because it is rather expensive at the outset. Archery cultivates steadiness of hand and keeness of eyesight and the social element occupies a prominent position especially in the clubs confined to ladies.

"A good feature of the pastime, too is that it appeals to people of all ages. In the Richmond Club we have one old lady member who although nearly eighty years of age shoots regularly and well".

The most famous archery organisation in the world is that controlled by Colonel Walrond—the Toxopholite—having its headquarters at the Archers' Hall in Regent's Park, and minor clubs near the metropolis include East Sheen, Surbiton, Beddington and West Kent.

The distinction of being the oldest club is stated to belong to the John o' Gunts, a flourishing Lancashire combination.

Every year a grand international competition is held some chosen spot, where the best shots of both sexes meet and try their skill. Yearly meetings of minor importance are the Southern, Great Western, Great Eastern, and the Herefordshire.

## LEFT HER GRAVE.

### ASTOUNDING STORY OF A GIRL'S ADVENTURE.

An almost incredible story of a girl being buried and leaving her grave is published in the Vienna papers.

The girl was Helene Fritsch the daughter of a rich farmer at Egerszeg in Hungary. She was buried with great pomp and the rings she wore were left on her fingers.

At nine o'clock in the evening of the same day there was a knock at the window of the sexton's house and the sexton was horrified to see the face of the girl he had buried. Three fingers of her right hand were missing.

She stated that she had been awakened by feeling great pain and on opening her eyes saw two men climbing up a ladder from the grave. The top of the coffin had been smashed in by the men whose object was to steal the rings she wore. They had cut off her fingers and it was the pain they caused that roused her from her deathlike trance.

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## HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE.

This is a story which is being told of the American Bishop Potter. It occurred when he was preaching one Sunday evening in a small town in the Adirondack Mountains. When the service was over a tall, gaunt man, with the air of a backwoodsman came up to the Bishop with outstretched hand, "I've heerd, ye preach twice afore "this he said," and I like yer preachin'. I alluz larn somethin' new from ye. I rid ten mile to-night to hear ye, an' I'd a-rid ten more, fer, as usual, I heerd somethin' new to-night that I never knowed afore." "Well, I am glad of that," said the Bishop, shaking the outstretched hand; "and what was it you learned to-night?" "Why, Bishop, I found out for the fust time in may life that Sodom and Gomorrah wuzn't twins"

It was of course only to be expected that the craze which of late years has affected quite a number of perfectly respectable people—that of setting off to walk round the world without any money—should have presented an attractive suggestion to the professional tramp and his allies. A Weimar newspaper is now vigorously at work setting its subscribers on their guard against a couple of young men who, on the plea of a walk of the kind in question undertaken in consequence of a bet with "Baron Rothschild of Frankfort," have been recently gaining much cash and kudos in that part of the world. The newspaper took the trouble to check some of their statements, and discovered that they were all false, the two men not having visited any of the countries or cities they professed to have passed through at all, while at the present time there is no Baron Rothschild settled at Frankfort.

Not only is there nothing new under the sun; there is also nothing discovered or rediscovered by the scientist to which reference is not afterwards found in the works of some poet or romancer of the past. We are all familiar with the prophecies of Bacon and other Shaksperean (if that is not a heretical way of putting it) worthies as to steam flying machines and what not. M. Jules Verne, as all the world and his grandchildren know, described us the submarine long before that infernal machine was unfortunately invented. Radium, the latest but twenty or thirty of modern discoveries, would seem to have attracted quite a mob of poetic prophets, from Virgil to Byron, to say nothing of Pliny. So at least we are told by an Italian scientist, Signor Francolini, of Rome, who declares that the source of the Clitumnus, a little Umbrian river held sacred by the Romans, and the waters at the source of which are tinged with purple not only contains radium, but has been foretold to contain it by descriptions to be found in the above-mentioned writers.

It is perhaps a little late in the day to discuss what is the meaning of that mysterious substantive "the ashes" which Mr. Warner's team have now safely brought back from Australia, but as there is at least one reader of this column who is anxious for an explanation, it may be not unprofitable to recall it. The explanation, then, is twenty-two years old, dating from the visit paid by Murdoch's team to England in 1882, when occurred the sensational match at the Oval in which England was beaten by seven runs. It was in consequence of this match that the "ashes" were called into existence by a sporting newspaper, which published the following "In Memoriam" notice:—

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of
ENGLISH CRICKET,
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N. B.—The body will be cremated and the ashes taken to Australia.

One of the classical instances of curious epitaphs is that of the disconsolate widow who erected over her husband's grave a memorial stone setting forth, among other things, that his inconsolable widow still carries on the business at the same address. This is recalled by an event which has just occurred in Paris where a worthy wine merchant has recently died and has been succeeded in business in this case also by his widow. To inform his customers of the change the lady has now issued a circular setting forth the fact. In order that no possible error shall take place, or any other person be able to deceive would-be purchasers she inserts the following sentence:—Madame X——desires to point out that she is short, of very dark complexion and good-looking. This circular has recalled another which recently appeared in the same city, in which the circular was also in the wine trade, set out that, seeing that the person to whom it was addressed was included in the list of those upon whom the Government had conferred decorations, he took the opportunity to heartily congratulate him and to enclose a price list showing what extraordinary bargains could now be secured in the way of wines.

There is a printer in Iowa City, in the State of the same name, who has probably been having inkind things said of him of late. What is more, he deserved them, as witness the following remarkable piece of fashionable intelligence which appeared in the local paper a short time back:—"Miss Minnie Stockman spent a few days with her parents decently."

The American (or is it Elizabethan English?) verb "to dope" which was of course originally applied to the drugging of racehorses in order to increase or decrease their speed during the race, has taken to itself a new meaning in France. In that country as we all know the terms used in racing matters are all English possibly because the French people think that it would be a degradation of their own beautiful language to translate them. Thus "doping" in its original meaning became a common term on the French turf. Now we are told it has gone a step further. If you wish your fiacre to be driven faster than usual in Paris all you have to do is to say to the driver "Je dope," whereupon he urges his horse to its best efforts. The subsequent doping is applied to the man rather than to the horse implying as the word now does a double pourboire.

For some time past the city of Ghent has been threatened with the closing of its Zoological Gardens, which were owned by a private company that found itself in financial difficulties. Suggestions that the city should purchase the collection of animals came to nothing, and now the curtain has fallen on the last act by the animals being put up for sale. The proceedings seem to have been amusing to everyone except the auctioneer. The most popular lot was an elephant named "Jack," dear to many generations of Ghent children, fetched £12 10s. only from an inhabitant with the intention, we are told, of killing the poor beast and serving up the edible part of him at a sort of memorial dinner to a select gathering of friends. Prices for other animals seem also to have ruled distinctly low—bears fetching from 18s. to 30s. and monkeys from 12s. to 20s., whether for similar gastronomical purposes we are not told. So far as "Jack" is concerned, the good people of Ghent are evidently determined to preserve the memory of their departed favourite, if not in their hearts, at least on their palates.

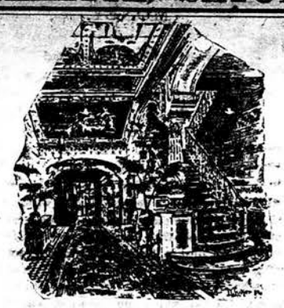
Antwerp has recently been delighting itself over the winning of a novel bet, and Germany has received the news with verbose glee. It seems that an Englishman who keeps a tavern in Antwerp had a heated argument with a German of the same profession as himself, the subject of debate being whether German waiters are or are not "unhandiest" of their kind. The discussion brought the pair to the terms of which were that the Englishman would pay over 500 francs to any German waiter who in 24 hours could make 2,000 beef-sandwiches. The German produced his waiter, who set about the task at six o'clock in the evening before a large crowd. He won the bet, completing his 2,000 sandwiches in eighteen hours. The Englishman paid 500 francs, and the sandwiches were given to the poor. Let us console ourselves with the fact that the new record by no means threatens that of the old-time English hangarver who undertook to carve the many acres of Vauxhall Gardens with slices cut from one ham—or was said to have done so, which comes to the same thing.

An inquisitive Frenchman has been inquiring into the origin of the word "Nationalist," and has discovered, writes the "Paris Journal," that it was first used by a German, and not by the French political party who bear it. Its originator was named Becker, and was arrested by Napoleon's orders in 1870 for writing and publishing a denunciation of a German aggression. In one of his letters, still extant, Becker calls upon the Germans in general to lay aside their internal discords and to exercise their ancient Teutonic loyalty towards the Government to which they were subject. In his opinion it was possible to be "politically" Frenchman, while remaining a patriotic German. In his own words, "This attachment to the nation which is called nationalism, if perfectly in accord with that patriotism vowed to the State of which one is a citizen." Apparently, however, the Napoleonic Government did not think so, if one may judge from the fact that poor Herr Becker was imprisoned.

An interesting discovery, or rediscovery, has been made in the French Chamber of Deputies. In the Salle des Conferences is a statue of Henri IV. behind which is placed a trophy of standards captured in battle. Until now this trophy has always been believed to be composed exclusively of Spanish flags captured during the Spanish war and sent to Paris from Burgos by Napoleon. In examining these flags, which previously had been left undisturbed since the days of Louis Philippe, it was recently discovered that, besides 44 Spanish flags there are also nine Neapolitan ones and one of considerably greater importance that of the Australian Imperial Guard captured at Austerlitz. This standard bears on one side the cipher and arms of the Emperor Francis II. and on the other a figure of the Virgin. Until 1815 the legislative body was possessed of 110 of these captured standards eight Austrian 10 Neapolitan and 92 Spanish. When the Allies entered Paris they took away some of these, the rest, to the number of 54, being hidden by one of the attendants.

## GIPSY MOTH FIRST; LOCUST NOWHERE.

The locust fiasco with which I learn from your columns Egypt is being threatened, is bad enough in all conscience," writes a correspondent to a home paper; "but how does the locust, it almost a harmless visitor compared with the gipsy moth, which works such havoc in Massachusetts. It is just thirty-five years since M. Trouvelot a French naturalist was experimenting on silk worms at Medford, Massachusetts, when some of the wind swept a few eggs of the gipsy moth out of a window. Within a few years the progeny of those pioneers had laid waste 220 square miles of land, and to-day it is costing the State $250,000 a year to feed them in anything like subjection. A small army of hundreds of men is constantly employed in fighting the moth and caterpillars. They have raided over forty million trees, and the victims already have passed the three "billion" mark. It is calculated that it will cost at least £300,000 more to slaughter the last of this devastating army, which clears the face of the country as effectually almost as fire itself. After this the locust may go and hide its insignificant head."



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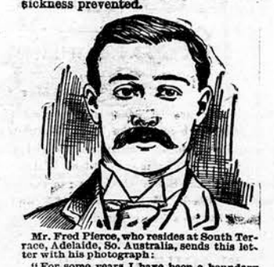

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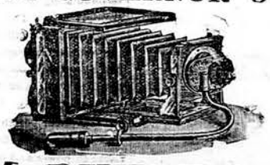

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THAT is what "irresponsible comedy" really amounts to when it is played at the St. James's Theatre. For any comedy of the rough and tumble order becomes farce by compelled comparison with the style of play to which the house in King Street is mainly dedicated, and any farce must become romantic that has Mr. George Alexander in it. So out of tradition and personality a new nature of entertainment is born, and Saturday to Monday is its name. It was different with Doctor Bill, the piece with which Mr. George Alexander began his management of the St James's, because the actor was not then established as a hero of romance, and there was no seperate element to interfere with its description as farce. But the George Alexander of today is a very different person, or personality, from the George Alexander of Doctor Bill, and so that is how it comes to pass that Saturday to Mondayis a very different play from what it might have been if it had been produced, say, by Mr. Weedon Grossmith at the Criterion. It is interesting to see how completely the playwright is in the power of personality.

Strange, that is, for the St. James's. The first is in the drawing-room of Mrs. Wendover's cottage up the River. Mrs. Wendover, a widow, has refused to engage herself to Lord Culvert because she thinks he is not yet "off" with Angela Porchester. Lord Culvert (Mr. George Alexander), whose boyish spirits may be accounted for either in the actor having recently appeared in boyish parts, or in his Lordship having lately been a captain in the Royal Navy, merrily tells the pretty young widow (Miss Beatrice Forbes-Robertson) that if she won't have him he will get engaged to all the ladies who are staying in her house from Saturday to Monday. Never dreaming that he is in earnest, Mrs. Wendover laughs at his threat, and then the fun begins. He flirts violently with prim Miss Ursula Toop, the sister of the typical curate of farce; he wins the virgin heart of the ancient, stern-faced Miss Sloane, a blue-stocking of the most pronounced of pronounced types; and, in defiance of all natural laws of weights and measures and social etiquette, he puts his arm round the waist, or as far round as it will reach, of the portly Lady Diana Porchester, Angela's mother, and waltzes her out of the room for a flirtation in the hall. That is one of the strange scenes at the St. James's.

Here is the other. It is in Mrs. Wendover's garden on the following day, and as each lady makes her appearance, one by one, it is observable in her demeanour towards the somewhat cruelly frivolous Culvert that she considers herself betrothed to him. So here we are, at the St. James's Theatre, contemplating the perplexities of the engagement of the romantic George Alexander to two blue-stockings and one Diana big enough for six! He persuades them in turn that he was speaking words of love to them on the night before merely in the name of his cousin, Proby n Dyke who was too shy to propose to them himself, and he tells them that Proby n will meet them at five o'clock on a small island in a certain backwater. Proby n who is secretly engaged to Angela, is before long surprised to find himself the innocent object of the three ladies' wrath, and the innocent cause of the large Lady Diana's having upset herself from a small canoe, in which she had been endeavouring to navigate herself to the odorous amorous isle. Still, it is romantic farce because it all leads to Lord Culvert's winning Mrs. Wendover, and Mr. George Alexander and Miss Beatrice-Forbes-Robertson are typical dramatic residents of the little parish of St. James," as Pinero called it in "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray." It is a remarkable experiment, this "Saturday to Monday," and I am glad to learn that it promises to prove a successful one.

Mr. Richard Pryce's partner in the writing of the new St. James's play (a new St. James play with a vengeance!) is the journalist son of George Manville Fenn, novelist, and himself a maker of farces. It is difficult to tell, and no doubt it is not "cricket" for either side to divulge which of the two authors is responsible for the best parts of a piece, but it might not be unfair in one who knows what bright work Mr. Frederick Fenn has done for the Graphic to risk congratulating him upon the neatness of the dialogue of Saturday to Monday. If the action drags somewhat in the second act, the conversation runs swimmingly throughout the play, and this like the nigger's "lighted kn-t" comes in "mighty handy" at the St. James's. It doesn't throw a light upon the reason of Mr. George Alexander's return to farce, but it is distinctly compensating to those of the actor-manager's friends who may consider that their softer emotions have been cheated by his change of tone.

The late Henry Pettitt was always very close and mysterious concerning the part he took in the famous Sims and Pettitt authorship and the man who wanted to know of him whether he or Mr. George R. Sims was responsible for any particular passage in a new play by "the firm" was invariably required to go on wanting. Once, after a Sims and Pettitt first-night at the Adelphi, or the Princess's, a well-known actor tried to open Pettitt's mouth at the Fielding Club: Was that yours or Sims? he asked, referring to a certain point in the play that had been particularly well received. Pettitt replied, I shan't tell you. Anything in the play you think is mine, is in all probability Sims's and anything you think is Sims' is in all probability mine. "Well" said the actor, with a twinkle in his eye, I didn't think a very great deal of Sims's lines for Harry Nicholls on his first entrance in the second act! No, agreed the wily Pettitt neither did I. But they were not bad as gags. You see, Nicholls forgot the lines written by—one of us."

Miss Elliott Page, who was at one time a member of Mr. George Alexander's company at the St. James's, and Mrs. Ashton Jonson, must be congratulated upon the neatness of their dramatisation of Frank Norris's wonderful novel, "The Pit." Being so full of striking incident, and so alive with excitement, it was not an easy book to adapt for stage purposes. It is only they who know nothing of the work of the adapter who say of a novel that it is a splendid one for making a play of, because it is so crowded with incident. This is the sort of book that is the hardest of all others to put into clear dramatic form; and the work of turning "The Pit" into The Wheat King must have given as many sleepless nights to Miss Elliott Page and her partner as the wheat market gave to Frank Norris's gambling hero, Curtis Jadwin.

The clever ladies found it plain sailing enough when they came to the big scene in the "Pit" (which is Chicagoese for Stock Exchange), where Jadwin crashed down from colossal wealth to comparative poverty in a few mad minutes. This had merely to be lifted bodily from the book, and left to Mr. Murray Carson to make his great sensation in as Jadwin. But it was fashioning from the material of the book an act to follow this pit scene that would hold the attention of an audience quivering still with the effects of its participation in the excitement of the Wheat King's downfall—it was making the spectators forget the storm sufficiently to be able to appreciate the succeeding calm that was where the difficulty lay. And that was the difficulty Miss Elliott Page and Mrs. Ashton Jonson overcame. Their last act is admirably composed, and one leaves the theatre as deeply impressed with the pathos of the ruined gambler seeking the neglected love of his wife, after the racking turmoil of the really hellish scene of his overthrow as with the tragedy of the actual scene of destruction itself.

"What funny clothes the men are wearing?" I heard a lady say on the first night of The Wheat King. They are indeed funny clothes, but they are strictly "according to the fashion and the time"—in Chicago. They represent one of the many signs at the Apollo that Mr. Murray Carson has gone to work thoughtfully. Most business men in Chicago dress like well-to-do acrobats. Mr Julian Cross who takes the part of Jadwin's enemy, Calvin Crooker, appears at his office, and in the "Pit," in frock coat and top hat, a gaudy fancy waistcoat, and light brown boots! Hideous, of course, but eminently characteristic of men's fashions in Chicago. And Jadwin's get-up is as helpful in establishing his nativity as are his name, accent and occupational put together. When the Chicago business-man—the "Pit" man especially is not in a frock coat, he is in a tight little grey morning coat with cock-sparrow tails. Jadwin wears such a coat, and the rest of his clothes are just as typical of the man. His high-cut fancy waistcoat, his tight trousers, his wide-welted boots, and his short-crowned silk hat are most convincing, most eloquent! These things, in truth, comprise what is known in Chicago as a head's suit for the Pit: that is, a suit for a partner of a firm, or a chief manager, operating in the Chicago Stock Exchange. The junior partners, clerks, and telegraph operators seem to put on anything that comes first. Their short jakets are worn in conjunction with top hats, strawyards, or Alpine felts, and not an uncommon get-up among them is a combination consisting of small-brimmed panama, a frock coat a white dress bow a scarlet waistcoat liberally festooned with watch-chain blue-grey flannel trousers and yellow shoes. The Chicago Pit man is the gaudiest and the clumsiest dresser in the world and this accounts for the ugliness of the men's attire in "The Wheat King."

There are many tales going around of the strange doings of those hidden workers of the stage who, known as "hands," will not be found named with the actors and the dressmakers on the programme. That was an amusing scene at the Gaiety, where Mr. Lionel Monckton, passing through the dress circle in the interval of a rehearal, discovered one of the scene-shifters giving an imitation of Letty Lind in the song, "A Monkey on a Stick," to the piano accompaniment of another scene shifter, who was making a very respectable job by ear, of the composer's music. When Charles Brookfield heard from Mr. Monckton of the liberty the stage hand had taken with his composition he turned seriously to musician and said, with mock sympathy in his voice, "No! Did he? And what did you do? Shift some of his scenery?"

Mrs. J. H. Leigh, the lever young actress who is so favourably known to the grateful patrons of he husband's Shakespeare revivals at the Court Theatre tells a very amusing story of two of the stage hands at Sloane Square. Mrs. Leigh (or Miss Thyrza Norman to give her professional name) had taken her call one night for the balcony scene "Romeo and Juliet" and was passing to her dressing room, when her attention was arrested by voices issuing from the vicinity of her recent address on Montagues and Capulets and the scent of the rose. Two of the scene-shifters were "larking" with the romantic situation, and Mrs. Leigh paused and watched them. Unaware of her presence, the one who was up in the balcony, where he should have been then employed in unfixing some draperies, was coyly and in a feminine treble whispering down un Shakespearian words of love to his companion. The latter, an Irishman struck a Romeo attitude and in "Come down an' be mo nal! At this exciting point they were interrupted in their burlesque by the remark from Mrs. Leigh, "Yes very pretty. You must give me a few lessons!" They turned scarlet and scurried away like rabbits, and Miss Thyrza Norman noticed that for the rest of the evening they carefully avoided catching her eye.

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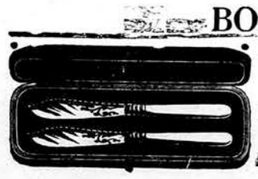

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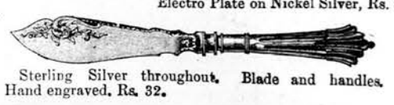

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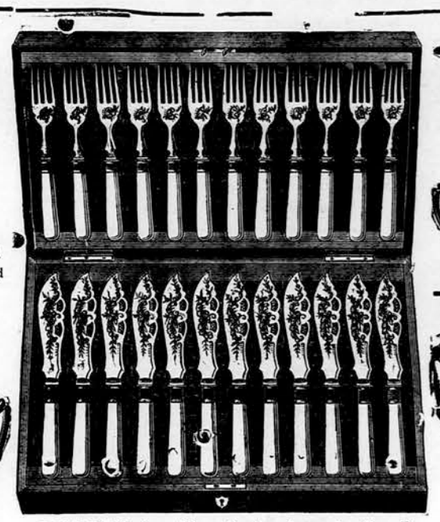

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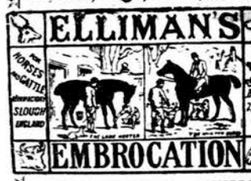

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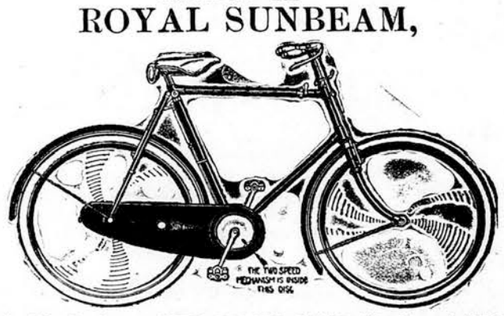

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